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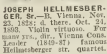
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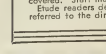
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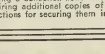
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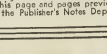
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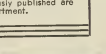
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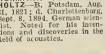
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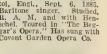
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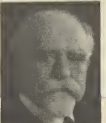
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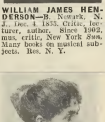
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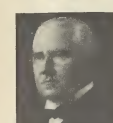
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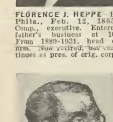
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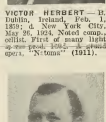
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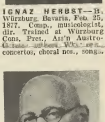
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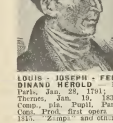
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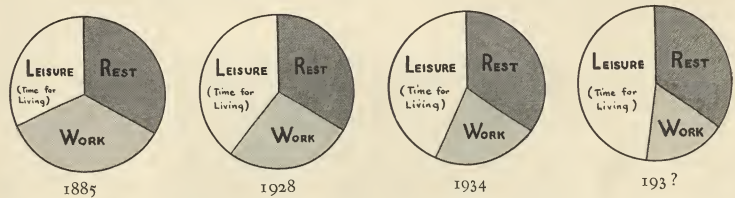


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Leisure—Then What?



IN THE ÉLITE eighties, when the hands marched up Broadway to celebrate the opening of that eighth wonder of the world, the old Brooklyn Bridge, they played one of the popular tunes of the day known as "I'm One of the Knights of Labor." In this merry ditty, the knight asserted that "I always earn my pay" and proudly proclaimed that "I get a dollar a day." The Knights of Labor, their critics tell us, were a happy group so long as they were in possession of two pulls—one for dinner "growler" and was "rushed" to the corner saloon or the corner saloons—as these purveyors of alcoholic drinks often boxed the compass and commanded all four corners. On pay day the knight, according to the temperance orators of that period, usually was left of his six dollars home to the "Missus" and "kids." Once there, he doubtlessly longed for the time when work days would be only ten or possibly eight hours long.

Time flashes by like a whirlwind. Here we are with a legal forty-hour week and people telling each other that it might come to a thirty-hour week—imagine, five hours a day! But we must not forget that, in war times and with prohibition restrictions, the day laborer and the mechanic managed to get home with from thirty to ninety dollars in their jeans. Some workmen and workwomen in the "skilled" classes made as high as one hundred and fifty a week. Then came the great era of unemployment, now happily and rapidly abating.

We, who have always found our chief joy in our work, understand that the mechanized existence which the machine has thrust upon workers, makes the work-day insufferable to the human cogs that have become largely mechanical parts. If it is not necessary to work eight or ten hours to obtain a happy existence, how absurd it would be to permit mankind to do it. Furthermore, we are told that there is not work enough to go around, no matter how hard we may want to work. More leisure has become an economic necessity.

Look at the circular charts at the top of this page and you will see at a glance how that period of the day, which we call the leisure period, or better, the "time for living" period, has increased. In THE ETUDE for November, 1932, we presented an editorial entitled "The Perilous Blessing of Leisure." This was published at a time when the vast majority of Americans hardly dreamed that a forty-hour week was possible. In that editorial we also presented opinions of one of the greatest of American penologists, Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing-Sing Prison, which may well be reprinted here:

"Records at Sing-Sing show that ninety-eight per cent of the prisoners were never associated with a boy's club and that they had never had any other opportunities to learn how to spend their leisure in wholesome recreation.

"America spends large sums on education; but its bill for luxuries is three times as much. It is miserably in need of social advance, which is left almost entirely

to charity and private contributors. A well-known educator promised a decade ago that with the opening of every school he would close a jail. His promise has not been fulfilled. He did not appreciate the importance of regulated and well supervised leisure. He did not appreciate the fallacy of an education that teaches a child to read but neglects the opportunity to teach him to work or even to play.

"That leisure is an important factor in schooling has been recognized by educators throughout the ages. The ancient Grecian philosopher taught that 'preparation for the right use of leisure should be the chief end of education.'

The simplest yokel, who has no more knowledge of the situation than the lines of Isaac Watts,

"Satan finds some mischief still
For idle hands to do,"

realizes that our new-found leisure may become our greatest national liability. Educators everywhere are awake to this serious situation and our school programs, once held closely to the design of a plan for making a living, are now being radically modified to include a plan for living itself. It is to the interest of all of us that we live as finely and abundantly as possible. Considered purely from a commercial standpoint, the factories, farms and stores of the country spend most of their time in supplying the living needs of the home. If these needs are so low in the scale of living that they are not far from poverty, our whole commercial structure will be in serious danger. It is therefore obvious that any of the arts that exalt the individual and lead to higher ideals of life have a distinct material value.

More than this, if the leisure time of our youth is not wisely and profitably directed, it is easily possible that thousands of young men and women may become victims of the times and fall into the invidious net of crime. Arthur Reeves, celebrated crime expert, has estimated that our crime bill is already sixteen billion dollars a year. Imagine what it might become if our new-found leisure were squandered! Now that legalized liquor is back with us, many people have a feeling that the added leisure must be watched even more carefully than ever.

We have a very strong conviction that the study of music is of tremendous possible value to the world at this time, in providing exalting and profitable occupation for all who engage in it. The radio has made "Tristan and Isolde" and the "Eroica" almost as familiar in this day as was "Little Annie Rooney" in the eighties. Children, who a few years ago were victims of "jazzitis," are now beginning to long for more worthy things; and we are certain that, with the return of prosperity, music teaching will be in even greater demand than ever before. A great music school of high standing in the East has just informed us that it recently enrolled one hundred new pupils in one month. These pupils are not likely ever to have a serious knowledge of the importance of their hands.

—The proper employment of leisure, then, has a very serious

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bearing upon our social and moral existence. This is being recognized more and more by educators and men of affairs. Myron C. Taylor, eminent industrialist, said, in an address before the American Institute of Steel Construction:

"We face a condition in which, generally, there will be more leisure in the community. The question before us next will be, how shall that leisure be employed? We are confronted with a testing period. The moral fiber of the community must either stand the strain of temptation accompanying greater leisure or use that leisure in such ways as to reinvigorate the individual, to expand his life in many new directions, to cultivate his mind, to learn that there is a realm filled with great privileges and opportunities apart from the work of the world, in which he can become more understanding and more closely in touch with the infinite."

Music workers and music teachers everywhere should point out emphatically that the new leisure makes an opportunity for the delights of music study, unknown to our grandfathers, and enables our citizens to broaden their life interests and elevate their ideals in a way which cannot be accomplished by any other means and which contributes powerfully to the consumption of the products of commerce, agriculture and industry.

THE COMPOSER'S INCOME

HOW does the composer get his income? Originally he had to depend upon the sale of his compositions, of which he disposed in one of two ways—either by outright sale, or by sale on royalty. In addition to this, he, if very successful and widely known, might receive a percentage of the public performance rights for his major works, such as cantatas, operas, symphonies and chamber works.

By far the larger number of published works are bought out by their publishers. Most composers have preferred to sell their works for an assured, even though small sum, because they have felt that they were in a less secure position to accept the inevitable gamble than was the publisher. The publisher must invest his capital, his experience, and his organization with its huge overhead. The composer usually invests only an idea; and, if that idea happens to be a marvelously good one, the publisher may stand a chance to make a profit. Unfortunately that is not the case with all compositions. For every good idea there are one hundred mediocre ones; and no one really knows, not even the composer nor the publisher, what idea will meet with that public acclaim which makes a piece successful.

The gambling odds in music publishing are thought by some to be scarcely any better than that at Monte Carlo, even with the most experienced people on both sides. Yes, the American taboo on sharps is so pronounced that if that particular piece had been published in the Key of A, or three sharps, instead of G, or one sharp, the sales of the composition would have been very greatly affected. All teachers and publishers know this, and it is a most unfortunate feature. Of course, it does not apply in the least to the well trained musician, who knows all the tonalities, both major and minor.

The question is, "Can a musician be called well trained, if there is a lack of familiarity with any of the keys?" If the same condition were applied to physical health no one could be called a sound individual, with a bad heart or with bad lungs. This is something which American teachers should begin to correct with all possible enthusiasm. The great remedy is unquestionably scale playing. The easiest scale of all is probably the scale of B or five sharps. For this scale the hand fits the piano keys like a key in a lock. In addition to scale playing, there should be, of course, arpeggio study, so that the mind and hand become automatically familiar with the chord positions.

It has been estimated by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, that the radio chains in 1932 sold thirty-nine million dollars worth of advertising space. So it is obvious to any fair-minded person that the radio without music

would be a very dull affair. The radio multiplies a number of performances almost 100,000,000 fold. In the old days it was necessary to buy the music and have somebody play it before it could be heard. Now the popular songs of the day, as well as many of the popular instrumental pieces, are literally worn out within six weeks. Unless a composition has amazing vitality, such as *Mighty Lak a Rose*, *By the Waters of Minnetonka*, *At Dawning*, *Narcissus*, or *To a Wild Rose*, people get sick to death of hearing it. Thus the radio serves to erase many a valuable asset belonging to the publisher and to the composer; and it seems perfectly right that, having used these compositions to their financial advantage, the radio broadcasting companies should pay a liberal sum for their use. Without these compositions the radio broadcasters would be seriously handicapped.

The publishers and the composers, through the battle put up by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, have asked for a four per cent payment on the net receipts for time sold on radio air, as a payment for license to perform publicly over the radio, for profit, the millions of songs belonging to the members of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. Remember—without the music of the composer, upon which the publisher has staked his capital to produce, all of the great advertisers who are spending millions over the air would be hopelessly crippled. In other words, the plan by which the stations receive ninety-six per cent of the huge amount taken in and the composers and publishers expect four per cent, seems a most liberal one for the commercial interests that could not possibly prosper without the assistance of music. Surely all professional musicians will be very anxious to support the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers in its endeavor to secure justice.

"THOSE SHARP KEYS"

HOW many, many times do teachers hear such exclamations from pupils, relating to their difficulty with sharp keys? Most publishers know that pupils who have been educated on this side of the Atlantic seem to prefer pieces in flats. In Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Russia and England, at least, it makes very little difference to a piano student whether a piece is in five sharps or five flats. In America, however, pupils begin to "balk" when they come to three sharps. There is one very obvious reason, and that is a neglect of scale playing in America. Unless one is able to play in all keys, one's musical efficiency is unquestionably crippled. There is really nothing in the least more difficult about pieces in five sharps than those in five flats.

Keys unquestionably have color. Your editor has decided preferences for certain keys. One of his compositions, published in the Key of G, seems to sound very much better when it is played in the Key of A, or three sharps. Yes, the American taboo on sharps is so pronounced that if that particular piece had been published in the Key of A, or three sharps, instead of G, or one sharp, the sales of the composition would have been very greatly affected. All teachers and publishers know this, and it is a most unfortunate feature. Of course, it does not apply in the least to the well trained musician, who knows all the tonalities, both major and minor.

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"Give me the best claviers in Europe, with an audience who understands nothing, desires to understand nothing, does not feel with me in what I play, and I would have no joy in it!"—Mozart.

IN APPROACHING the question of Russia's music, it is first necessary to clear up a number of conceptions about Russia itself, which are, to say the least, of working people cultivate music? Haven't of all the intelligentsia been killed off? Does the Russian proletariat take any interest in cultural matters? And I can only throw my hands in amazement at the least misconception under which these good people labor.

Russia is the only country in the world to-day where music is forging ahead with giant strides, instead of languishing for want of funds. Other lands are closing their opera houses and disbanding their troops: Russia is building new theaters and engaging new talent. Other lands are encouraging their young people to enter "more gainful employments"; Russia is devoting tremendous energies to developing young conductors, orchestral musicians, singers, composers—artists to carry on the government's great cultural program.

Let us take a look at the general situation in Russia today. The anguish of revolution is over. A child born during the days of revolution would be nearly fifteen to-day. We have a vast nation that is characterized by its youth, its ardor, its burning wish for progress—all sorts of progress. And the Russian, you must remember, is naturally intelligent, imaginative, and of formidable will-power. The very tempo of Russia to-day is quick, alert, enthusiastic; and cultural progress is one of the most cherished projects of the Soviet.

Culture for the Masses

CULTURED classes? Let us put it another way. There is but one class in Russia, and all of its members are afforded equal cultural opportunities. Thus, regardless of class, great culture exists. The old culture, that has always been part of Russia, still lives on, but it has been made into the basis for the present great work of educational extension. Russia is doing wonders in medicine and chemistry to-day, as well as in art. It offers splendid educational facilities in all branches, under the guidance of excellent, representative professors who have had their own training in Germany, England, France—all over. Thus, the older culture is not lost. It has simply changed its form. There is less general "prettiness," perhaps, in the superficialities of life—dress, perfect etiquette and such—but there is greater concentration in producing as fine a job and reaching as great a goal as is humanly possible. There is no time for fads and fables, only for work.

And the energy with which the people throw themselves into their work—art work, factory work, all sorts of work—creates an atmosphere which it is impossible to describe, but which it is stimulating to breathe. It is an energy that has its roots in dire need which has now become habit, an energy of alert responsiveness. A pioneer energy which builds character and strength.

A vast amount of this magnificent energy is centered in music. Music is sub-



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sidized by the State and is under State control. Every member of the General Committee is an ardent music-lover. The War Minister, the Foreign Minister, even Stalin himself, turn to music for uplift and relaxation; and they are eager to project this lovely force into the lives of their compatriots. The standard of musical success in Russia is art and not money. We are happy to see great numbers attending our performances, but box-office intake is not our means of judging musical goodness or badness. We are under instructions to month season of opera and ballet includes twenty-two great symphony concerts beside. The symphonic repertoire is as varied and as representative as anywhere could be heard in New York, Berlin, London, Leipzig or Milan. Besides the Russian composers, we play Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Schumann, Schubert, Mozart, César Franck—and the people love it!

At the present moment, and to my great joy, I am forming and drilling an entirely new Philharmonic Orchestra in Moscow, which is to function along with that of the Bolshoi Theatre. It numbers one hundred and forty men, chosen from among the forces of the old Moscow Philharmonic and of the magnificent Bolshoi Radio Orchestra. It is a big undertaking, but oh! how eagerly it is awaited! Russia, you see, does

not merely hear music. It lives it. It honors it. Nothing is too good for it. The finest theaters, in the finest sections of our cities, are given over to it; and the finest artists are engaged for it.

Laboratory for Art Works

WHAT MUSIC is performed? Everything. Opera and ballet are the most popular forms, perhaps. All the works of standard repertoire are given, along with a wealth of interesting new material, some native, some foreign, which one would never hear anywhere else, because Russia does not accept novelties for money gain but in order to experiment with, and further, the art itself. A given work is a failure? Very good. It is taken off, and a new work is prepared to take its place. That can happen a dozen times a season, and no amount of work is too much.

German, Italian and French operas are sung, but only in the Russian tongue, so that everybody may understand and enjoy. The field of music is in no wise restricted by political policies. Regardless of the Government's official stand on religion, for example, operas which glorify the religious spirit are presented unchanged, exactly as the composers wished them to be. *Tannhäuser*, with its miraculous blooming of the pilgrim's staff, and *Lohengrin*, with its background of kingly tradition, are given exactly as the composers wished them to be. The Government is not so sincere as to regard for art to use it for propaganda. In presenting Wagner, our only injunction is that Wagner shall be faithfully represented! This proves, surely, that the new culture is not made to flourish at the expense of the old!

Ballets, of course, are particularly popular, because they represent a peculiarly native form of art. Music and dancing lie in every Russian's blood. Older ballets are given; but it is in this field that youth and novelty have especially free play. Modern forms of music, of choreography, and of stage-setting are encouraged, if they are expressive and good. But the classic forms are by no means disregarded, and, when given, they are given with a fine feeling for classic spirit. On the very last day of the opera season this year, we staged an entirely new ballet—another phenomenon which you aren't likely to find elsewhere! The choreographer was a boy of twenty-one, the stage-sets were modern, and the music was written by my friend, the composer, the conductor, Nibelin. And I wish you could have seen the artistic perfection with which it was mounted, and the enthusiasm with which it was received!

Music Heard Purely

SOLO recitals are constantly winning greater favor, and the great orchestral works are heard and understood with impressive response. I love to think back to my own recent performance of Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony," the hushed solemnity with which the people entered into the spirit of the music. I believe that if the ancient Greek feeling for sheer artistic beauty can be said to exist anywhere to-day, young Russia has conjured it back. Russia's audiences are delightful. They are courteous, responsive, eager to learn

and extremely discriminating. It is in the theater, perhaps, that you best realize the absence of class. There is no distinction between Society downstairs, and Music-Lovers upstairs. Everyone in the house is music-lover—exceptive he won't be there! Admitting of no social superiority, the Russian does not seek to gain it by "going highbrow" in public. He is there in the same spirit that I am, to venerate great music. When I see the people there before me, all cleanly, plainly dressed, all alert, respectful, and on the square, I realize that I am, indeed, privileged to spend my own language with people who will understand me, and I am on my mettle to give them my best.

Hospitality in Russia

IF YOU are thinking of visiting Russia as a spectator, though, on a musical pilgrimage, the story is different. Russia will welcome you—Russian art is only too ready to be judged on its own merits—and will provide you with much stimulating entertainment. If you wish a month in Moscow, come around the last week in April, for the season closes down on June first. An ever-increasing number of Americans are visiting our theaters each year.

So much for public music. You must have been wondering all along about the sources from which we derive our young musicians, and how we train them. There is not a Russian city without its music conservatory, the courses and methods of which are under Governmental supervision. There are also less advanced schools, singing classes, instrumental classes, classes in theory and harmony, and choral schools. No effort is spared to encourage the young people along the lines of music study—even those who are not particularly gifted and who will never

fore wish to try out their mediocrity upon "these uncivilized Russians." And we have no more room for them than they have in Covent Garden. If you are a professional, don't come to Russia unless you honestly feel that you would be equally in place at the Metropolitan Opera, in Buenos Aires, in Dresden, or Vienna. We do not make a fetish of names—except fame is an index of merit. But we must have first-rate ability.

My own official duties include work at the Moscow Conservatory, in the training of young conductors. And so great is the demand for them, so eager are the various cities to have their own orchestras, that I can scarcely school them all fast enough! We are in an immensely interesting period of development just now. Although the Government is respectful to distinguished foreigners, it wishes musicians of its own. And there we have a houseful of eager young people, who further the Government's project by helping each other to become musicians! The violinists work with the pianists, who, in their turn, learn from the cellists. I must develop conductors, and the conductors must develop orchestral musicians to work under them, and the conductors and the men together spur on the young composers, to write for them, to give them new national music to experiment with to work into greatness.

Young Russia—its Promise

WE HAVE a most interesting group of young Russian composers. First of all, there is Shostakovich, a boy of

twenty-four, whom I call the Russian Mozart, so uncannily formed are his ideas. There are Myaskovsky and his pupil, Shostakovich. There are Feinberg, Gnessin, Gelfand, and Shapin, the new symphonist, all promising figures, whose progress we are intent upon watching, for the world will know them, one day.

I could give you facts about Russia without pause—but there are no words to convey the glowing zeal with which music is carried on there. And that is the most important thing! Russia is a land where one's musical dreams can come true. My own have, I know. Always, in my student days—and I was fortunate enough to study in Leipzig, under Nikisch, that most magnificent man—it was my dream, not only to do such something, but to build something. And in Russia I am privileged to build. Each time I take up my baton, I see Nikisch before me, I hear his voice in my ears, and I would like to tell him that I am trying to keep faith. So Nikisch, too, has his place in the musical development of young Russia's culture!

SELF-TEST QUESTIONS ON MR. COATES' ARTICLE

1. How does the Russian regard work?
2. What is the governmental attitude toward music?
3. How is the best music insured recognition?
4. Describe aspects of the organization of the Moscow Conservatory.
5. Name four young Russian composers.

Do Snakes Like Music

Do Snakes Like Music

Editor's Note: While in Northern Africa the Editor of *This Etude* made special effort to secure a native flageolet for the personal use of Mr. Thurlow Llewellyn in public lectures. Finally he located one used by a snake charmer. This charmer refused absolutely to sell the instrument, insisting that it was magical. He had several other kinds of instruments and he readily demonstrated that his cobra would pay no attention to them. The moment, however, he played upon his flageolet the cobra responded at once.

The actual effect of music on snakes has to do mostly with nervous cobras which seem to be susceptible to certain vibrations. It has nothing to do with snake "dances." It pertains to enticing a cobra from some hiding place where it is captured by the charmers, sometimes hired for the purpose. It also includes remarkable effects upon the cobras by certain strains of music.

Susceptible Snakes

THE REASON for music affecting snakes is a mystery. It has been doubted by some scientific men, but I believe in it after close observation. Certain sound vibrations attract a serpent and others momentarily render it helpless. I am inclined to think that the latter are pitches so strident—to the snake—that they are

magnified a hundred-fold over those, which, to the human ear, seem merely to irritate. As the ears of snakes are deeply embedded, very crude affairs, I do not think these reptiles actually hear, but feel such vibrations over the surface of their sensitive scales.

Quite recently I closely watched some studies along these lines by a young Hindu from one of our universities. While he did not understand just what pitches of music, or sound frequencies, were necessary to affect the cobras, he was in possession of the elongated, guitar-like instrument called the *sitar* and used by Oriental snake charmers. He also knew how to play it. We spent several hours in front of the cobra cages but noted no positive results. Then we moved to the cage containing the King cobra, thirteen feet long.

The King's Homage

WE OPENED the panel over the music ventilator in the rear so we could watch him and he would get the full effect of the music.

The whine of the *sitar* was soon filling the passageway. The cobra had reared to watch us.

After a few moments we noted that he swayed slightly, then fell forward. He lay for a couple of seconds, then sprang back to his rearing pose. This happened again in about five minutes and the brief collapse was preceded by a shudder along his neck. The occurrence was witnessed by two veteran keepers of the Reptile House.

My Oriental friend had produced the effective pitch or vibration, but couldn't classify it, or remember in what note or chord it had occurred. He went repeatedly over the same passages of music without result. Playing the next day he produced the effect three times. The frequency or vibration was possibly produced by unconscious force in striking the strings of the *sitar*, or in some synchronization or blending of a former note with one that followed.

We were encouraged, however, to extend the experiments and try radio music. We set up a receiver and powerful speaker.

Radio Hypnotism

RESULTS were curious, for we played several orchestras without results. I had anticipated results, if any, from saxophone strains, but we had the most marked reaction of all during the piano prelude to a song. The cobra fell forward and lay partially on his side for several seconds. We had another of these collapses during a song. I realize how horribly unethical it would be to give the name of the artist. It was probably a piano note in the song that produced the affecting pitch. I am convinced that the production of such pitches as it is understood by some of the Hindu snake charmers.

There are mysteries about true snake charming—and there is something to it.

Ethelbert Nevin's *A Day in Venice* (Un Giorno in Venezia)

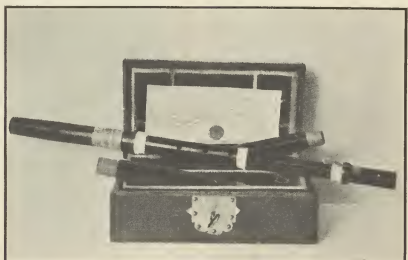
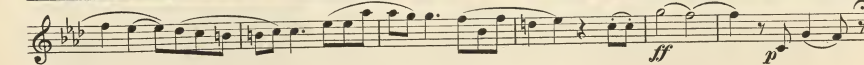
A New Tone Film Presentation Which is Commanding National Attention

Music lovers everywhere know Nevin's masterpiece, "A Day in Venice," consisting of four compositions for piano, namely, (1) Dawn, (2) Gondoliers, (3) Venetian Love Song, and (4) Buena Noite.

James A. FitzPatrick, famous traveler and lecturer, has made this the subject of one of his charming Travelogues, which will be shown in cinema theaters all over the world, during the next three years. It

will be given in several different languages. By special arrangement we are re-producing many of the sections of this famous film, including scenes of the great canal, the Rialto, the St. Mark's Plaza, and

Nevin's home when he was in Venice and wrote these widely played compositions. Between the films we have interlined the melody of the immortal Venetian Love Song.



HIS MAJESTY'S FLUTE

The Flute of Frederick the Great, upon which he is said to have played John Sebastian Bach. Its antiquarian value has been placed at Twenty Thousand Dollars.

Give the Child a Good Piano

By EVELINE M. PAPAS

THE MUSIC season is now getting well under way and teachers are planning their winter's work and hoping, as they have so often hoped, that by the end of spring they will have obtained results far superior to any achieved before. I was almost saying, "Good luck to them!" But it is not luck which will help them fulfill their wishes. It is, in the first place, enthusiasm, enthusiasm in spite of discouragement, failures and the many difficulties with which teachers have to contend, in the second place, intelligent, conscientious work, and, in the third place, the hearty cooperation of parents who can do much to help both teacher and pupil. And it is this third point which I want to stress and in connection with which I want to offer a few practical suggestions.

Many a child is saying proudly just now, "I am going to be a pianist this winter," by music meaning, as a general thing, the piano. The child is feeling keen to begin, full of enthusiasm at being old enough to "learn music." Many homes are without pianos, but, little Henry is about to take lessons, it is, of course, necessary to get one.

The parent goes down to the piano store and explains that he wants a piano for a beginner and is not prepared to get an expensive one—just one "good enough to learn on." Few people really know anything about pianos—the difference in tones and actions—and the result is that, provided an instrument *looks* like a piano, it is "good enough to learn on." The parent is provided for the child who is beginning lessons, an instrument with a thin, "dimmy" tone, a squeaking pedal and a stiff, unresponsive action or one so loose that the key moves at the slightest touch. Little consideration is given to what *sounds* this piano is capable of, though the study of the unfortunate little soul is embarking on is all sound! He can "learn his notes," and what more is necessary?

With a large proportion of so-called teachers this is exactly what does happen—the child learns his notes and little else. He is not taught anything about tone, how the piano can be made to sing and the many different qualities, not merely quantities, of tone it is capable of.

Attempting the Impossible

BUT TAKE the somewhat more fortunate child who, by good luck, is placed with a true teacher, the earliest stages he is shown inside the piano and given a practical demonstration of its action, as a preliminary to studying touch. Then he is shown how he can obtain a beautiful singing tone and, the teacher's piano being a good one (though this is not always the case, unfortunately), he tries this out for himself and, after experimenting, produces the desired tone. Then he goes home and, remembering what he has been taught, tries to produce the same tone, but without success. Not his fault. The piano he practices on is simply incapable of "singing," and, after a few attempts, the child gives up, discouraged.

Now surely the point of sending a child to take piano lessons is that he may learn to play, not merely to conjure with the keyboard! And it is possible that he will want to do this if not provided with a piano worthy the name?

It is impossible to work well without the proper tools, and it most emphatically is impossible to produce music that is more than a musical instrument. And this is

where I come to my next point, the cooperation of the parent.

The Expensive "Cheap" Instrument

I KNOW some will urge that good pianos are expensive, and, in a few cases, this would be the real reason for a poor instrument being provided; but, in the vast majority of cases, it is ignorance which causes the trouble. The public needs educating on this matter, and when parents understand what are the qualities which make a piano we shall have grounds for hoping and looking for better results, not merely in individual cases, but in the general standard of music throughout the country.

The statement was made the other day that fifty percent of the population of this country are tone deaf. This is hardly encouraging but, when we look into the matter, not hopeless. In all the houses where I have visited only about one percent of the pianos were in tune. "It's terribly out of tune," one is informed and so, day after day, the children of the house are obliged to hear untrue tones and harmonies, and their sense of pitch is inevitably being distorted, sometimes irremediably. And, worst of all, I have played on pianos in the homes of active musicians that were most horribly out of tune.

This, then, is one matter in which improvement can be made. Have your pianos tuned so that the child hears what he should hear. In this way, not only will the pupil benefit, but gradually people's ears in general will become trained to a degree of sensitivity which will make an out-of-tune piano as unbearable to them as it is now to the artist; and, by directing their attention to the subject, they will unconsciously demand truly musical sounds. The result will be—better pianos.

As regards expense: All reputable firms are glad to cooperate with the buyer in an arrangement of terms so that buying an instrument does not necessitate a large immediate outlay. The cost may be spread over several years.

If the parent wishing to buy a piano feels ignorant of the subject and incompetent to choose the right instrument, why not leave it to the teacher? He will gladly help select one and will illustrate the different points so that the parent will know more about the matter, and a step in the right direction will have been made.

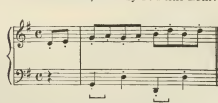
It cannot be too strongly urged upon parents: A child must have a good instrument to practice on, else he will never learn to play.

Saccato Accents

By GLADYS M. STEIN

HEAVY accents sound clumsy in piano compositions in which both hands are playing saccato passages.

To get a saccato accent try depressing the damper pedal with each accented note and then letting it up immediately as marked in the following example taken from *Robin Goodfellow* by L. Leslie Loth:



The pedal must not be held long enough to blur the saccato notes.

The damper pedal used in this way will give much the same effect as the use of the swell pedal on the pipe-organ and is especially helpful to young pupils.

Baseball and Scales

By LEROY V. BRANT

THE average healthy boy has a hearty dislike for the practice of scales and a keen interest in baseball. For neither of these attitudes is he to be in the least condemned. The first, however, works a certain hardship on the music teacher. Looking toward better scale performance the teacher may therefore develop a game which actually makes boys practice scales and practice them without any great amount of grumbling.

The procedure is as follows: let the left hand represent one baseball line, the right hand the opposing team. As in the case of a regular game the play is divided into nine innings, each side having half of each inning. The left hand has the first half and begins to play up and down three octaves. Each time it plays the three octaves in both directions without an error a score is tallied. When a mistake is made it counts for one "out," and when three "outs" are scored the opponents have their half of the inning, continuing to play until

they in turn make three errors and are "out." The child is to continue the play for nine innings, which, as can readily be seen, will give him a good scale workout. He is to keep a daily tally sheet of the game to be presented to the teacher at the lesson time. If it is desired to practice hands together, a slight variation of the foregoing can be made, in that each hand can score simultaneously; that is to say, the two halves of the inning are played at the same time. When each hand has made three errors a new inning is played.

The game can be applied equally well to the study of technique, such as arpeggios. A slight analysis of this game will suggest that we are placing a premium on carefulness and that the "game" element is doing nothing more than adding a certain zest to what is unquestionably a dry part of practice for a child. While recognizing scales as scales, it makes them more interesting. The "game spirit" appeals strongly to all youngsters.

Use the Metronome in Practicing

Sight-Reading

By MAZIE MATTHEWS

MUSICIANS from across the water remark that sight-reading is not considered an accomplishment here, or else it is a lost art. Judges at examinations say that the average American music student is not so much deficient in sight-reading as he is deficient in medium or very low mark for sight-reading. To overcome this deplorable situation many a teacher has recommended hymn playing, and student and teacher have struggled along at a tortoise pace, hoping that persistence will win the day.

The metronome, to suit a friend indeed. The teacher should choose hymns of only one or two sharps or flats and set the metronome at a very slow tempo. For each chord the student must count four. This gives him time to observe the next chord and to find the connecting link with

the previous one. In this way he learns to build chord progressions learns what to expect next and gets ready for it. At all times regardless of mistakes he must keep steadily with the metronome. As he becomes more proficient the metronome is set faster and more difficult hymns are chosen. From hymns he goes to second and third grade pieces and in a short time to accompaniments. By this time he ceases observing notes separately and is able to grasp phrases as a whole. The student not only gets a great deal of pleasure out of being able to sit down and play moderately difficult pieces at sight, but has the added satisfaction of knowing this is made possible through his own endeavors to improve a weakness.

A Novelty for Your Recital

By GLADYS HUTCHINSON LUTZ

As an attractive addition to your recital at least one pupil should be prepared to play a simple piece in every key.

As the pupil is about to play she may recite:

*This piece that I'm about to play,
Is simple and easy;
The part that comes right afterward
Is what will be the treat.*

and then the pupil will play. After the applause, recite:

*And now you've heard this little tune,
Played in the key of C;
Just try to trick me, if you can,
And ask another key.*

Someone in the audience will suggest, for example, C sharp major. The pupil should recite, "C sharp major has seven sharps, F-C-G-D-A-E-B" (quickly) and then play in the key requested. At the completion

of this transposition, she should continue:

*Ask me another.
It's fun to play
All of the key scales
In this way.*

Another key will be suggested upon which the pupil will again give the names of the sharps or flats in the signature requested and play the piece in the key called for.

And for the last time the pupil will recite:

*Once more I'll play this tune,
In any key you wish;
In F or G or E or B,
Or D or E or A.*

Go through the procedure directed in the foregoing. If there are words to the piece it would add to the effectiveness of the performance if other children would sing.

*"Music, oh, how faint, how weak;
Language fades before thy spell;
Why should I railing ever speak
When thou canst breathe her soul so well?"*
—MOORE.

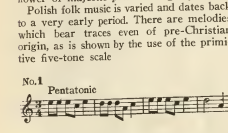
The National Element In Polish Music

By R. MALECKA

THE ACCENTUATION of the national element in music, which began during the romantic period and found its clearest expression in the works of Chopin, plays an important part in the growth of present-day music. We notice an increasing interest in the study of folk-songs, for it is here that we find the elements of a national style.

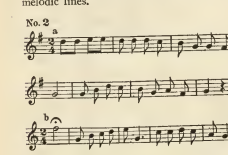
This fact leads us again to Chopin whose inspiration rested in the folk music of his country and whose genius was steeped in the religious mystic patriotism which distinguished the Poles during the time of their captivity. As an eminent Polish author, Przytylski, who was at the same time an excellent musician, says in his essay, "Chopin and the Nation," "Every nation possesses its specific tone to which its soul is tuned. This tone differs with each nation. It is quite another with German, with Romantic peoples and, again, with Slavs. The soul of a nation is revealed most clearly and transparently in music, and it is a hundredfold easier to seize the qualities and characteristics of separate peoples through their music than through their words. The fundamental tone of the Polish soul existing most purely in its folk music, though expressed in the most simplest form, expands in the music of Chopin into a full-blown flower of majestic power and glory."

Polish folk music is varied and dates back to a very early period. There are melodies which bear traces even of pre-Christian origin, as is shown by the use of the primitive five-tone scale.



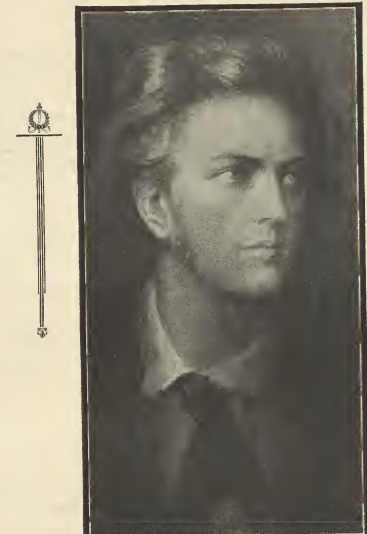
and old chronicles preserve texts of these songs with invocations to Slavonic gods.

In later songs we often find a surprising variety of rhythms and of harmonic and melodic lines.



Whereas the older motifs move in a close position (a) not exceeding the space of a fifth, the later ones show a far bolder scope, not fearing even the skip of a seventh (b).

One of the most interesting features pointing to the great antiquity of these melodies, is the use of the old tonalities such as Phrygian, Lydian and Eolic modes. A most exhaustive study of Polish folk lore was made by Oskar Kolberg (1814-1890) who collected folk songs from every part of Poland noting the variations to be found from age to age and locality to locality. In his studies of these dances is the examples of Greek modes, such as No. 48, the *Poco più vivo* in B-flat major. Various

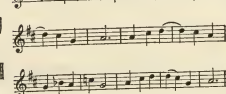


FREDERICK CHOPIN
From an Idealized Italian Portrait

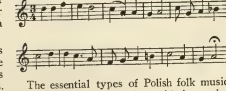
other instances may be found by careful study.

The following examples show traces of the Greek modes:

No. 3 Lydian



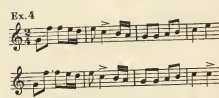
No. 4 Eolian



The essential types of Polish folk music are the *Mazur* (mazurka) and its variations of *Oberesk* and *Kujawiak*. The two latter dances are pre-eminent peasant dances in 3/4 time. The *Krakowiak* (*Gracioviana*) is in 2/4 time. The characteristic rhythm of these dances is the accent on the second beat (in the *mazurka* often on the third) of the measure. In the

Krakowiak which is in 2/4 time this accent on the second beat is brought about by the syncopation.

In the following "A" is the *Krakowiak*, I come from Cracow and "B" is a *Mazurka*.



It is this characteristic rhythm which plays such an important part in the *mazurkas* of Chopin and so often proves a stumbling block to foreigners in their correct performance. To Poles accustomed from their childhood to this national dance it presents no difficulty. The *Mazur* takes its name from the province of Mazovia, of which Warsaw was the capital, when the chief town of Poland was Cracow. It was in this part of the country that Chopin was born, and here he constantly saw in his youth, the peasants dancing the *Mazur* or nearly related *Oberesk* and *Kujawiak*. Among his many compositions we find examples of all these dances. For instance, Nos. 9, 15 and 17 are *Oberesks* which are mostly danced more quickly than the *Mazur* and are less dramatic and varied.

The *Mazur* is a vehicle for a wide scale of emotions ranging from sad to gay, from fiery and violent to dreamy and melancholy. Sometimes, when sung in slower time instead of danced, it bears the name of *dumka* (revery). In the same way also the *Krakowiak* is often sung as a *dumka*. This dance, as its name denotes, originated in the neighborhood of Cracow. Its characteristic feature is the syncopation already mentioned. Danced by the peasants in their gay, picturesque costumes, it is particularly attractive.

The Walked Dance

IN THE folk music of Poland are found also marches indispensable at wedding festivities. The polonaise which early in the seventeenth century found its way into international music, was never danced by the peasants, although occasionally we meet among them a slow dance called the "walked dance" (*Chodzonego*). The polonaise was essentially the dance of the nobles and is a true picture of the chivalry of Poland. Before one's eyes pass the richly attired nobles leading in courtly fashion the no less magnificently dressed ladies fanned for their grace and charms. They pass through the vast halls twisting and turning in long columns to the sound of grave, majestic music.

It was Polish violinists who were gladly welcomed at foreign courts that introduced the polonaise abroad. Telemann, a German composer, contemporary to Bach, relates the musical impression he received on a journey to Poland. He writes: "No body would believe with what an amount of phantasy the players on the bagpipes or violins improvise during the intervals of the dance. If one made notes one could collect enough musical ideas in one week to last for a whole lifetime. In a word there is much good in this music if one knows how to profit by it." Apparently Telemann did know how to profit, for he wrote two sonatas for two violins and basso continuo called Polish sonatas.

In the first one a *mazurka* rhythm has all the temperament of a Polish folk dance. In fact, in the eighteenth century the so-called "Polish style" had a great success in European countries, and German cities of that time gave it much attention. Johann Schiele in his work "Der Kritische Musikus" (1745) characterizes the Polish style as "gay, satiric and vivacious." Those qualities which we find in embryo in the music of the people find their perfected expression in the creations of Chopin who has enriched the literature of music with a developing composition that are the noblest contribution Poland has added to the general culture of the world.

SELF-TEST QUESTIONS ON MR. MALECKA'S ARTICLE

1. What are the indications that Polish music has a pre-Christian origin?
2. Characterize the *Oberesk*, the *Kujawiak* and the *Krakowiak*.
3. What is the derivation of the word, *mazurka*?
4. For what occasions was the polonaise danced?
5. What was the "Polish style" and when did it have great vogue in Europe?

Getting a Start in Music Teaching in the Country

By EUGENE F. MARKS

MUSIC is a language—a universal language—which, if not spoken by all, may at least be heard and understood by many. Musical interest and appreciation are greatest in wealthy cities and large towns, and comparatively less in small towns and country villages. Yet many small towns, and homes in country districts have developed a decidedly musical atmosphere by giving liberal time and study to music, even though it be of the simpler character. It is not these few communities we wish to consider, however, but the remoter country settlements.

These places frequently offer a good opportunity for utilizing and investing a day's teaching at least once a week. The teacher who undertakes such a task may be assured in advance that he is a true missionary, instilling a love for good music where it will be of far greater value than that imparted in his ordinary course of instruction.

The first step in the formation of a class among such rural districts is to have a frank talk with the principal of the day-school. If no one is already filling this important position, you may be assured of a hearty welcome; for he will need music for commencement and many other public events, and will greatly prefer the use of local talent to the importing of any from a distance. His assistance and countenance, once gained, will aid in keeping alive an interest in music.

Next, secure a list of the names of families owning pianos, or, if you also teach voice and string instruments, of all interested in music, and make a personal canvass of each home to ascertain the number of pupils you may count on in the beginning. You need not feel alarmed if the number appears small at first, for it is almost sure to grow, especially as soon as some social event demands the service of your pupils, and shows the results of your teaching. The matter of fees must be governed by the community's financial status. Let the price be the same for every pupil, for, among country folks, there are no secrets; each one is a member of a large intimate family.

Many of the parents will claim that the children have no time for music study with their school work, especially as the school-house is usually some distance from the home and much time is spent going back and forth, but these and similar objections may be met by pointing out that the period in which the child is developing his mind in the classroom is the very time in which to study music. At this early age, musical advancement may be steadily gained, even though the practice room be necessarily limited, say, to one hour before and another after school.

As the school-house is usually located centrally among these scattered homes, it will prove the best place for a studio; but if a room cannot be secured here, there is always some sympathetic and philanthropic member near-by who will gladly give a room, and sometimes the use of a piano, provided the teacher gives her child lessons in return. It will be well to so arrange the furniture as to suggest a musical atmosphere and to fulfill its practical objective of teaching. The keynote should be simplicity; its most prominent place of furniture an inexpensive piano placed protect-

ingly away from any drafts near an inside wall, and somewhat distant from the source of heat, but in a position to secure a good light upon the sheet-music.

A bookcase or music-cabinet may be placed near the piano in order to have your music supply and books of reference within easy reach. The sheet music may be arranged and classified in the cabinet, all the different grades, the études, classical works, duets and so forth, in their respective divisions so that there will be no delay in obtaining a selection when needed. A few good pictures of subjects relating to music may be hung upon the wall and two or three busts of eminent musicians placed upon stands in convenient places. No studio is complete without the monitor—the metronome. Now add a small table, a black-board lined into staves, a few com-

fortable chairs and an extra piano-seat for use in duet playing; and your studio is sufficiently furnished. However, since the light should enter from above or overhead rather than from below or on a level with the eye, the shades should roll up from the bottom. This is easily managed by fastening the shade to the base casing of the window, tying a long cord to the ring in the middle of the hem-stick of the shade and passing it over a small stationary pulley fixed in the center of the upper cross-board of the window casing.

The lesson periods can be easily interwoven with the school duties by taking the pupils during their free periods or a half hour before school. After school dismissal a half hour or more may well be employed in rehearsing numbers for public exhibition, such as cantatas and musical plays.

Every opportunity should be used to participate and have the pupils participate in the social activities of the immediate community. This leads to the upbuilding of a large clientele.

In addition to the special events of the school in which you or your pupils may take part, there is the opportunity of having pupils recitals several times during the year. This is a splendid medium for demonstrating the result of your teaching ability, and, besides, it stimulates enthusiasm among the pupils. It is well to arrange the program some time in advance, in order that the pupils may have ample time to master their pieces. An exhibition extending over an hour or an hour and a half becomes tiresome. It is quality rather than quantity which counts in musical endeavor.

Parents can aid the music teacher greatly in his endeavors to elevate the musical standard of the community, and at the same time give themselves much enjoyment. By purchasing phonographs and the best educational records they can familiarize the child with some of the world's best music. The members of the district who can afford to install radios will secure an additional source of educational material which will lend a large measure of interest in music throughout the community.

It should be the teacher's endeavor to lay, from the very beginning, a good, sound, and dependable musical foundation upon which the pupil, if forced at any moment to rely solely on his own direction and exertion, may be able to erect a substantial edifice. "No matter what the task may be that lies before you, try to perform it so well that nobody can do it better. There is nothing 'just as good' as your BEST."

Wagner and King Ludwig

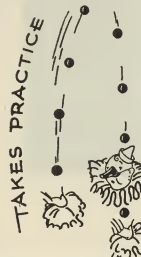
By S. G. ALBERTI

WAGNER had fled to Stuttgart to get away from his creditors when he received the fateful summons from the supposedly insane King Ludwig of Bavaria which changed the current of his whole existence and finally established him at Bayreuth the acknowledged musical master of Europe. The summons was unexpected. A letter of Wagner's tells of this extraordinary meeting. "You know that the King of Bavaria sent a messenger to find me," Wagner wrote. "Today I was brought before him. . . . He wants me to be with him always, to work, to rest, to produce my works; he will give me everything I need. . . . I am to finish my 'Nibelungen,' and he will have them performed as I wish. I am to be my own unrestricted master, not Kapellmeister—nothing but myself and his friend. All troubles are to be taken from me; I shall have whatever I need, if I only stay with him."

What he says to this? What do you say? Is it not unheard of? Can this be anything but a dream? But was no dream. As Henry T. Finck observes in his biography of Wagner, the young King of Bavaria, who had mounted the throne but four weeks before, "had read the despairing call of the composer: 'Will this Prince be found?' and had said: 'Will I, will be this Prince.'"

How One Teacher Did It

The following is a part of a summer circular issued by Mr. John W. Schaum of Milwaukee. He says that it was a great success. Perhaps it contains a hint for some of our teacher friends.



IT TAKES PRACTICE

Twelve months of the year to make something of your

MUSIC

If----"All Play and no Work gets Jack into trouble!," study piano this summer.

If----Jack is to keep some semblance of order and routine during vacation, study piano this summer.

If----you want Jack to retain the musical knowledge already learned, study piano this summer.

If----summer provides more practice time with its freedom from school, social activities and winter colds, study piano this summer.

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If----teachers are not so driven with work in the summer, they are able to give more individual attention to their pupils, study piano this summer.

STUDY PIANO THIS SUMMER.

The Art of Program-Making

By EDWIN HALL PIERCE

An Article of Especial Interest to Those Preparing June Recitals

AMONG THE most important and responsible duties of a great orchestral conductor is that of the choice and arrangement in favorable order of the pieces which make up his programs. It is a matter calling for good judgment and the most discriminating taste.

The direction of large symphony orchestras is an honor which falls to but few men; yet practically every music-teacher has occasion at various times to plan a pupils' recital or give one of his own. When there is such a program to be planned there is a right and a wrong way to do it, and the possibility of contributing greatly to the success of the whole undertaking by the proper selection and ordering of pieces is in itself a work of art.

There are, broadly speaking, five different questions to be considered: length, variety, unity, suitability and aesthetic value.

Length

OF COURSE no one wishes to present a program so brief that people feel it has not been worth their trouble to come. Such a fault, however, is very unusual. Rather, is common, since teachers have a tendency to select pieces which they wish to exhibit, to prepare programs so excessively long that both the audience and the pupils themselves are "bored to extinction."

It would be better to give two or more recitals, or automatically to limit the number of participants by never permitting a pupil to appear in recital before he has studied a fixed number of years and has reached a certain grade of advancement. The minimum length of a program should be placed at one hour, the maximum at two. To be sure, operas much longer than this are often listened to without boredom, but there the eye is diverted by the scenery and costumes, and the mind is interested by the plot. Also one may walk in the foyer between the acts and come back refreshed. It is easy to determine beforehand the probable length of a program by timing each number separately and adding about as many minutes to the whole period as there are separate compositions, to allow for the slight pauses which must occur between numbers.

Variety

VARIETY is necessary to sustain interest, and there are several ways of attaining it. One of the most obvious is that of sprinkling a few vocal numbers in an instrumental concert, or of using instruments at a piano or organ recital—a violin solo on a program of organ selections, for instance. In order to take full advantage of this source of variety, it is better not to have a violin or flute come next to a soprano solo, nor a bass or tenor solo come next to a cello solo. The same principle warns one against two "high" voices or two "low" voices in succession.

When the program is of entirely one type of music, however, variety may still be secured by taking care that no slow movement (unless quite brief and of a wholly different rhythm) should be heard directly after another slow movement and no two adjacent numbers should be in the minor mode, unless one of them is of a light and playful character.

In general, it is better not to have two

adjacent pieces in the same key, though this cannot be laid down as a strict rule, especially as the earlier classical composers quite commonly retain the same key throughout all the separate numbers of a suite and occasionally even in a sonata.

In making up a program, one should try the end of each piece in connection with the beginning of the next to see whether the effect is pleasing or otherwise. A solo pianist or organist who is a highly talented musician will sometimes improvise a few chords where they are necessary to bridge over an otherwise bad transition between the keys of two pieces. But this procedure is not possible to most amateurs; neither is it practicable in the case of orchestral or concerted music. An example of one of the bad transitions is that of the whole-step. D major does not sound well after C major. There are a few pieces, however, which have an "Introduction" of such peculiar character that they sound well after anything, because they begin with a vague and undetermined tonality and presently modulate skillfully into the real key. Such is Grieg's "Violin Sonata in F" (Op. 8).

Unity

NOTWITHSTANDING the importance of variety, it is equally necessary to study unity in the make-up of a program. It is quite possible to assemble a number of masterpieces yet ones whose styles have nothing in common. It follows that there is no underlying principle to make the program a logical whole. As a horrible warning, let us try

1. *Sonata Pathétique*, Beethoven
2. *Old Folks at Home* (vocal), Foster
3. *Prelude and Fugue in C sharp* Bach
4. *Star of the East*, Sousa
5. *Pavane*, Ravel
6. *Settette from "Lucia"* Donizetti

Now here are five real masterpieces, each almost supreme in its own style. Yet, presented together, they would absolutely ruin all chances of harmonious effects. To be sure, Nos. 1 and 3, might well find places in the same program, and Nos. 4 and 6, together on some other program, but, with these exceptions, there is no number which number three, or any other, has any other idioms are so utterly diverse as to be inimical. It would be just as if a person should pour a mixture of water and oil of wide and distinct differences together, and then, at the same dinner-party, Wayne B. Wheeler, Bishop Fiske, H. L. Mencken and President Roosevelt, together with his favorite bookbinder, his physician and a policeman with whom he has a pleasant speaking acquaintance. Or, to vary the comparison, it would be as if the cook should pour maple-syrup over the beef-steak, or garnish the ice-cream with strips of bacon. I have seen blunders in taste in the make-up of musical programs which were as bad as these—combinations to make a fastidious musician squirm in his chair.

If such blunders are to be avoided, there must be some element of unity in a program. Contrasts may be frequent, but they should not be so extreme as to be grotesque. Without pretending to exhaust the possibilities, let us enumerate some of the ways in which unity may surely be attained.

A program may consist of:

1. The works of recognized classical composers, or of those moderns whose idiom follows a development of the same general lines.
2. Extreme modern compositions, possibly either preceded or followed by classical works.
3. The works of some one composer, selected with due regard to variety.
4. The works of some one national school of composers, such as the Russian, the French or the Scandinavian.
5. Illustrations of the art-songs of various countries.
6. Illustrations of the folk-songs of various nations.
7. Dance music or classical music in various dances-forms.
8. Sacred music, preferably of some one school.
9. Operatic music, preferably of some one school.
10. Salon music, such as that of Lange, Lick, Chamaine, and so forth.
11. A combination of both popular and classical music, judiciously selected and arranged.

(See programs at the end of this article.)

This last variety is one which, if well planned, will please a great many, but "up" on the older classics and wish to hear the latest novelties by leading contemporary composers. In general, whatever appeals to you, personally, so that you can play it with wholehearted enjoyment and adequate technique, will stand the best chance of succeeding with almost any audience. Players who have chosen an interior program from a supposed necessity of playing "down to their audience," have generally found that they pleased neither the audience nor themselves. Anything more total than such a failure it would be hard to conceive. Better give the best that is in you, even if not always appreciated.

asked her to play for him some "popular tune" which she had enjoyed hearing her play some days previous but of which he had forgotten the name. In the effort to please her father, she played over first all the popular songs of the day, then all the old folk-songs she knew. But none of them was the favored selection. At last she gave it up in despair and began playing to please herself, trying several numbers from a Bach Album. As she began "My heart ever faithful" (from the "Whitsuntide Cantata") he shouted, "There, that's what I wanted! Why didn't you play it for me when I asked you?" After that he insisted on hearing it time and time again.

It is most unwise to underestimate the qualifications of one's audience. Even children do not always like childish things, but are impressed by something grand and intense even though they may not understand it fully. On the other hand, it is well to make reasonable concessions to the tastes of one's audience; if only such tastes are actually known. Among musically inclined people who happen to be so located as to have but rare opportunities of hearing good performances of music, I have found a great wish to hear the standard classics, especially Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Schumann, and so forth, but comparatively little interest in Brahms, Grieg or Tchaikovsky and none at all in Reger, Karg-Elert, Debussy, Cyril Scott or Ravel. Music-lovers living in the larger centers, however, are frequently "all fed up" on the older classics and wish to hear the latest novelties by leading contemporary composers.

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Personal Problems

WHERE several persons take part, one or more at a time, in a program, there are certain little matters of management to be considered. Should amateurs and professionals appear on the same program, it is courteous to neither to assign them their places indiscriminately. Better have the professionals appear, if possible, by themselves, in a second or third program. Of course, the case in which a professional soloist appears accompanied by an amateur orchestra, or a solo singer in connection with a chorus, must be an exception.

Another little point of etiquette that should be observed is in relation to position on the program. A soloist or a group of persons who is to be treated as an acknowledged "star," should neither open nor close a program, in a mixed concert. The choicest places should be reserved for the person who is to be the second or third number. If, however, the "star" does not appear until the second part of the program, there is no great importance attached to the matter

Fitness to the Character of the Audience

THERE is a common opinion that for an audience composed of musically uneducated people, one can present only "popular" music, or, at best, those of the classics which are simple and obvious in their appeal. This is doubtless true, in general, but exceptions are more common than many suppose. One is led to believe that when the classics are played with the same heart and abandonment of expression to be heard in the singing of familiar popular songs or in the performances of old-fashioned piano or organ programs. This will appeal even to people of primitive musical taste. The trouble is that our performances are often too deadly dull and laborious.

Some assistance comes to mind of a young lady, a very fine pianist, whose father was wholly unmusical. On one occasion he

of position. If several of the performers can appear in an ensemble number for the closing piece of the concert, the effect will be specially good.

However, there are exceptions to all rules. Often, pianists who have already played a concerto with orchestra, at a symphony concert, play a group of piano solos unaccompanied, at the very last, after all the orchestral part of the concert was over. This would seem slightly anticlimactic, but, as long as everybody is pleased, why criticize?

Well-Balanced Programs

1. *Recital Suitable for a Graduation, Recital or a Teacher's Recital*
Beethoven.....*Sonata Pathétique, Op. 13*
Schubert.....*Impromptu in A flat*
Schubert.....*Moment Musical*
Schumann.....*Aufschwung*
Schumann.....*Wurde*
Schumann.....*Träumerei*
Sinding.....*Rattle of Spring*
Sibelius.....*False Trixie*
Grieg.....*Indian Rhapsody*

2. *Embodying modernistic tendencies*
(This program demands a very fine player for the solo numbers and a good competent player to assist in duets)
Grieg.....*Concert Overture*
Grieg.....*In the Autumn* (four hands)
Sibelius.....*False Trixie*
Sibelius.....*Romance*
Debussy.....*Maques (Masques)*

3. *Jardins sous le pluie*
(Gardens in the Rain)
(If these two last are too difficult substitute *Mazurka in F sharp minor*, and *Kievite*, by the same composer.)

4. *The Children's Corner* (six short pieces, or a selection of them).
Cyril Scott.....*Three Dances* (four hands)
Ravel.....*Pavane pour une Infante Défunte*

5. *Lez-de-Jeu*
(This is a very difficult piece, demanding some virtuosity. Should it be thought best to omit this, some classical composition, not too alien in mood, will furnish a good relief at this point, and make an effective close. Mozart's *Fantasia in C minor* is suggested.)

6. *Grieg Program*
"Peer Gynt Suite" (for piano, four hands)
a. *Morning Mood*
b. *As's Death*
c. *André's Dance*

7. *In the Hall of the Mountain King*
Seligson, Song (soprano solo)
I Love Thee
Erolk (piano solo)

8. *Norwegian Bridal Procession* (edited by Percy Grainger)
On the Mountain

9. *(This program employs two pianists, violinist and soprano soloists.)*
Sonata in F, Op. 8, for violin and piano
(Suitable for well-advanced performer)

10. *Russian Program*
Lvoft.....*Russian Hymn*
(two pianos, eight hands)

11. *Tchaikovsky, Andante cantabile, Op. 11*
Lindow.....*Musie Bro*
Cui.....*Oriente*
Moussorgsky.....*Gopak*
Schuetz.....*A la Bien Aimée, Valse*
Rubinstein.....*Melody in F*
Romance, Op. 44, No. 1
Rimski-Korsakoff.....*Song of India*
(two or four hands)

12. *Tchaikovsky, March Slav*
(two or four hands, preferably the latter)

13. *If a contralto solo is available, insert the number, Only a Yearning Heart, after, say, No. 4. If a soprano or tenor solo is available,*

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14. *Marches and Dance forms, by Classical Composers (suitable for well-advanced players)*

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from "Sixth Violoncello Sonata" (four hands)

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from the Second Violin Sonata (piano solo)

17. *Gigue ("Jig") from the First Partita*
(These numbers may be found in the Bach Album.)

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Soirees de Vienne, No. 6 (four hands)

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Beethoven.....*Minuet in G* (four hands)
Chopin.....*Valse Brillant in E flat*

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(solo or four hands)

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39. *(This program calls for two pianists, a violinist and, if possible, a baritone soloist. The piano duet may also be had for piano solo.)*

40. *7. Salon Music (piano solo and duet)*
Brahms.....*ChARGE of the Uhlans*
(four hands)

41. *Resch.....Secret Love Grotto*
Lohengrin.....*Shepherd's*
Merkel.....*In the Green Meadow*
Lange.....*Pure as Snow*
Lange.....*Flower Song*
Thom.....*Under the Leaves*
Chaminade.....*The Flatterer*

42. *The Accompanist*
By CHARLES KNETZER

43. *The accompanist is a person of great importance to the soloist or singer for he may make or mar a performance. Soloists, therefore, have good reason to be particular regarding the choice of an accompanist.*

44. *To be a good accompanist demands the power of divining the intentions of the soloist, of merging one's own sensations and reactions into those of the artist and of subduing one's own personality and individuality for the sake of bringing out that of another.*

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No. 8 may be rendered in its original form as a vocal number. All of the pieces in this program are of only moderate difficulty.

15. *Bach.....Savannah*
from "Sixth Violoncello Sonata" (four hands)

16. *Bach.....Bourrée*
from the Second Violin Sonata (piano solo)

17. *Gigue ("Jig") from the First Partita*
(These numbers may be found in the Bach Album.)

18. *Boccherini.....Minuet Célèbre*
Mozart.....*Minuet from "Don Juan"*
arranged by Moszkowski (four hands)

19. *Schubert.....Waltzes*
Soirees de Vienne, No. 6 (four hands)

20. *Schubert, Military March* (four hands)
Beethoven.....*Minuet in G* (four hands)
Chopin.....*Valse Brillant in E flat*

21. *Godard.....Second Mazurka*
Schuetz.....*A la Bien Aimée*
Brahms.....*Hungarian Dance, No. 5*
(solo or four hands)

22. *Moszkowski.....Spanish Dance, No. 2*
(solo or four hands)
Spanish Dance, No. 5

23. *Wagner Program*
Primal Chorus, from "Tannhäuser" (two or four hands)

24. *O Thou Sublime Sweet Evening Star, "Tannhäuser"*
(solo, or, if that is not available, may be had in arrangement for violin solo, cello solo, or piano solo.)

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34. *(6) The playing of accompaniments requires special aptitude, training and practice. Like the ensemble player, the accompanist must sacrifice his personal vanity for the good effect of the whole. If diffidence on his part is detrimental to a well-balanced performance, an exaggerated assertiveness is much more reprehensible. We do not accompany a harp solo with kettledrums, nor are we satisfied to look for a pound of melody in a ton of accompaniment.*

35. *(7) Finally, an accompanist should be a good sight reader and also be able to transpose. If at times a singer is not in good trim, he may request the playing of a song a tone or half tone lower. A thorough knowledge of harmony and key relationship will serve the accompanist well when modulating from key to key, so as to form a pleasing connection between two pieces of different tonality.*

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three to six strings, of which all except one are played as drones. These drones are tuned in fifths and octaves. The single melody string is stopped by keys which the player manipulates with his left hand. With his right hand the player rotates a rosined wheel which is turned by a crank at the lower end of the instrument and which sets the strings in vibration. The "ensemble" of the *musette* and the *vielle* produces, as may well be imagined, a very strident sort of music. But the character is perfect for rustic festivity, and, in the open air, most of the unpleasantness is lost.

The costume worn by the performers at these festivals are surprisingly sober in color. The men wear broad-brimmed hats, short jackets and tight trousers, all of black, the only note of color being introduced in the neckerchiefs. The women wear bonnets of white lace or other material, bodices with square or V-shaped necks, and ample skirts which have double bustles over them. Occasionally one sees brightly-colored aprons and shawls over the simple dresses.

Songs of Souning and Reaping

BESIDES the *bourrée*, the characteristic songs of Auvergne are songs of the field and of the harvest. These are melodies of a type infrequently heard in Latin countries. They are very broad melodies of a small compass and loose rhythm. In written form (though it is impossible to notate them precisely) they are the best into the 5/4 meter. Characteristic phrases are often composed of one or two long notes held *ad libitum* and followed by

a rapid cascade of descending notes. Many of the tunes are remarkable for their insistence on a single note. When it is possible to notate the melodies in 6/4 or 6/8, the ends of phrases often fall on the second beat of the measure. There is in indefinable suggestion of space and air in the breadth of these songs.

The absence of melancholy for the songs of Auvergne gives them a rather rare place in the world of folk-melodies. Most of the tunes are in the major, which is unusual, since most folk material, especially in southern countries, tends to fall into the old modes such as the Aeolian and the Dorian. The dance-tunes of Auvergne are invariably jolly, and the pastoral songs, though not exuberantly gay, are full of the repose of the beautiful countryside of France.

Large numbers of these songs have been collected and harmonized. Many people will feel, however, that a rich accompaniment is superfluous. The proof that a tune is good is always that it can stand by itself. And this is precisely what the folk-melodies of Auvergne can do.

SELF-TEST QUESTIONS ON MR. GOLDMAN'S ARTICLE

1. What is the purpose of the "La Bourrée" society?
2. Describe three characteristics of the *bourrée*.
3. What was the decision of the Sacred College regarding the *bourrée*?
4. What instruments were originally played for the *bourrée*?
5. What are other types of music sung by the people of Auvergne?

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The Raindrop (Prelude in D Flat).....The Storm, Op. 101, No. 4.....Jean Sibelius
Song Group
The Hills of Home.....Oscar J. Fox
I Am the Wind.....E. R. Kroeger
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The Pine Tree.....Mary Turner Salter
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Alpine Heights.....L. Andre
Piano Group
Farewell to the Alps.....Carl Born
Scenes in the Scottish Highlands, Op. 23.....A. C. Mackenzie
Piano Number (four hands): Blue Mountains (Wales).....F. D. Baars
Song Group
From These Dear Mountains.....(Swiss Folk Song)
The Blue Alesian Mountains (Alsace).....Stephen Adams
My Heart's in the Highlands.....(Scottish Folk Song)
Shepherd of the Mountains.....(Spanish Folk Song)

THE ETUDE

RECORDS AND RADIO

By PETER HUGH REED

EUGENE ORMANDY has in a relatively short time established himself as one of our leading orchestral conductors. Ten years ago he arrived in this country from Hungary to make a concert tour as soloist. Shortly after that he was in the violin section of an orchestra; and not long after that he was a recognized conductor of marked abilities.

Mr. Ormandy's first two recorded selections are unbacked-up ones, chosen from works by contemporary composers of his native land. They are the *Suite* from Kodály's opera, "Háry János," and the *Polka and Fugue* from Weinberger's opera "Schwanda." Kodály, one of the foremost living Hungarian composers, was at one time Ormandy's teacher in composition at the Budapest Conservatory. His opera, "Háry János," founded upon a national figure in Hungarian folklore, was successfully presented for the first time in Budapest in 1926. The orchestral *Suite* from it, arranged later, is the only part of the opera which has been heard in this country to date. This *Suite* is clearly a colorful music of a descriptive genre, and most of it depends upon a knowledge of its program for enjoyment. The opera "Schwanda," which had a meteoric success in Europe, contains much effective music, none of which, however, surpasses the ingenuity or the vitality of the polka and fugue which are most skillfully orchestrated.

Russia Set to Music

IN KEEPING with Balakirev's position as head of the Nationalist School of Russian music, which inspired Rimsky-Korsakoff, Borodin and Tchaikovsky, is his symphonic poem, *Russia*. A particularly life-like recording of this work comes to us on Columbia discs 17031-20, played by Sir Hamilton Hartley and the London Philharmonic.

Massenet's "Manon" is unquestionably one of the most charming lyrical scores in the operatic repertoire, its facile grace and melodic suavity having endeared it to the hearts of opera goers of several generations. Since its initial presentation the rôles of *Manon* and *Des Grieux* have been included in the repertoires respectively of the majority of great sopranos and tenors. Columbia's recently released recording version of this opera is a performance as given at the famous *Opéra-Comique* in Paris, where its *première* took place in 1884. It is a complete presentation of the score, including the celebrated *Coucou de Nîmes* scene, so often omitted in this country. The principals assembled for this recording are all to our way of thinking, well adapted to their respective rôles; and, since "Manon" is a difficult opera to sing well, this performance is considered high praise. Germaine Ferraty, whose voice reminds us of our own Liciaia Bori, is *Manon*; Mr. Rogatchewsky is a golden-voiced *Des Grieux*; M. Vallier is a competent *Lescaut*, and M. Guenet a dignified *Père Des Grieux*. Elie Cohen is the alert conductor.

Wagner's famous "one and only" wide-swinging scene (the one between *Fricka* and *Wotan* in "Die Walküre") is recorded here in its entirety. It is recorded here in its entirety on Victor discs 7742-7743. It is completely performed by Emmi Leisinger, who wisely refrains from over-stressing *Fricka's* ill-fated love for *Wotan*. Friedrich Schorr, who makes *Wotan's* defeat a dignified one, well as the true singing tone of the piano.

done well to record excerpts from the American opera, "Emperor Jones," and "Merry Mount," if for no other reason than to perpetuate his remarkable characterizations of the principal rôles (Victor disc 7957).

MUSIC Transcending the Instrument

YEHUDI MENUHIN'S pure tone, his inherent musicianship, and his emotional quality, make him an ideal recording violinist. Although this young artist's interpretative ability has grown since he first recorded, nevertheless his early recordings are still appreciated along with his more recent ones. And well they may, for his performance of such works as Beethoven's "Sonata in D major," Opus 12 (Victor set M91) is rendered with a charm and simplicity wholly appropriate to its musical concept. One could hardly demand emulation in this set.

It is good to have Menuhin growing into works like Chausson's expressive *Poème* for violin and orchestra (Victor discs 7913-14); for the exalted sentiment and dramatic intensity of such music, produced by the purity of his style. In a work so intensely poetic as this, there is often an urge to over-sentimentalize. The fact that Menuhin refrains from this makes his performance an outstanding one, even though he fails to penetrate the fullness of its more meditative moments.

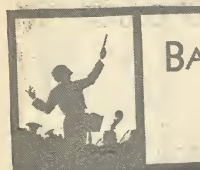
In Lalo's "Symphonie Espagnole" (Victor set M137), Menuhin is quite at home, for he easily enters into and sustains its sunny moods. Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 3" is seldom heard in the concert hall. Hence Schnabel's recording of it (Victor set M194) is most welcome. The "Piano Concerto No. 3," although spiritually allied to the traditional solo concerto as exploited by Mozart and his contemporaries, is nevertheless far above it in creative depths. This dominating factor in its form was the soloist, with Beethoven it is no longer so; for in this work the orchestra is an equally important constituent which no longer simply accompanies but instead "argues with, supports and contradicts" the speech of the solo instrument.

The Oboe Given Solo Treatment

COLUMBIA'S recording of Mozart's "Oboe Quartet" is, to our way of thinking, an unforgettable experience; for Leon Goossens, the oboist, not only attests his supremacy at playing this difficult instrument, but also proves his perfect understanding and feeling for Mozart's total poetry. Three members of the Lener Quartet give him useful support (Columbia discs 68157-68180).

There is a dream-world aura to Debussy's piano music, which George Copeland, with the apprehending spirit of the ideal interpreter, captures and projects in a selected group (Victor set M198). The vague subtleties and the nebulous atmosphere of such pieces as *Clair de Lune*, *Après Midi d'Espagne* (his last arrangement for piano), *La Cathédrale Engloutie*, *La Terrasse des Audiences dans clair de lune* and *Canope*, and the rhythmic artfulness of such pieces as *La Sérénade de Granada*, *General Lavine-ecceitric*, *Brayeres* and *Onidre* are perfectly realized in these recordings which faithfully reproduce Copeland's total shades and moods as well as the true singing tone of the piano.

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BAND AND ORCHESTRA DEPARTMENT

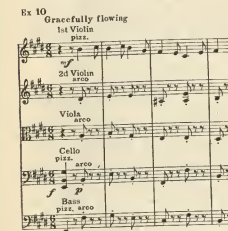
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Orchestral Voices—The Strings

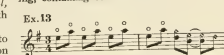
By ARTHUR OLAF ANDERSEN

THERE ARE so many forms of string accompaniment from staccato counterpoint against the melody of pizzicato or plucked figuration that it would be next to impossible to enumerate them. Anyone who manifests an interest should study these different effects through examining a great variety of orchestral scores. He should make it a point to become familiar with the two kinds of pizzicato, the right hand pizzicato, which is the more common, and the left hand pizzicato. Note in the following:

legato is the slurred rapid undulating repetition of two notes on the same string. Tremolo-vibrato is the fast repetition of the same tone.



Some of the modern orchestral scores require of the string player a very much greater technical knowledge of his instrument than was expected of him up to the time of Beethoven. In many scores of the early writers there will be found examples of occasional natural harmonics, but the use of the artificial harmonics was a rarity. Today, however, it is not uncommon to find such passages of harmonics as the following, containing both varieties:



Left hand pizzicato is sometimes indicated with a pluck sign under each note: +.

The different kinds of bowings should be considered as to effects. Of these the most important are legato, staccato, spiccato, marcato, détaché, tremolo-legato and tremolo-vibrato. The legato is a firm, smooth, sustained tone. This is the expected style of bowing employed when no special bow markings are found. The staccato is a short, crisp stroke of the bow, indicated by a dot over the note. The spiccato is the springing bow, the hair leaving the string for each note. This should be designated "spiccato." The marcato is a firm, solid stroke using about one third of the bow. It is indicated by a downward dash over the note. The détaché is a full, quick stroke of the bow and should be marked "détaché." Tremolo-

There are several ways of producing the artificial harmonics but the two principal methods are:

1. By firmly pressing the first finger on the string and lightly touching the same string a perfect fourth higher with the little finger. The result is an harmonic two octaves above the firmly pressed note.
2. By firmly pressing the first finger on the string and lightly touching the string a perfect fifth higher. The resulting sound is an octave and a perfect fifth higher.

Such ethereal and *spirituelle* effects as are produced by the harmonics are noteworthy in compositions of Debussy, D'Indy, Stravinsky and others of the modern school.

To return to more solid tonal ground, the string voices should be carefully considered in arpeggio and scale passage figuration. One of the most important of these considerations is the uninterrupted, unbroken arpeggio or scale line through the ranges of the string body. In order to maintain a steady flow of the ascending or descending stream, overlapping should be resorted to with the thought in mind of shifting to the next instrument at the most favorable spot rhythmically as well as tonally. In other words, the best spot in which to change is on the beat, the performing instrument carrying the passage one tone over the beat while the next instrument starts on the beat. This insures an unbroken connection of the passage. Then, too, consider the ranges of the instruments and plan to overlap into the next instrument at the point where both instruments

are most nearly alike in tone quality. In this event, the change from one instrument to another will be less noticeable and consequently more artistic in effect.



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The interlocking of chords in double stops in the second violins and violas is especially desirable as this tends to mix good advantage the tone qualities of two instruments and to facilitate the technique in the double stopping. This is a quite common practice among the composers who have made a deep study of the instrument and is greatly appreciated by the string performers.

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Experimenting With the Class Lesson System of Teaching

Changing a Class of Private-Lesson Pupils Over to Groups

By CONSTANCE ROE

EDUCATION'S NOTE.—THE ETUDE's historic policy has been that of presenting all sides of every question of musical interest and then permitting our readers to form their own opinions. Many authorities are fundamentally opposed to class instruction, because of the general educational principle that the bright pupils are retarded in their progress by the dull ones.

IN A representative section of the middle west and in a relatively small community, an experiment was begun last spring along the lines of class teaching. The teacher who started it found, after six months of carrying on classes in three small towns with a hundred pupils, that she would have to take on an assistant teacher. She made many other discoveries also, which more or less proved the basic soundness of class lessons for the majority of pupils. It is taken for granted that some music students must have private lessons, but the common run of ordinary music pupils, those "taking lessons" as part of their regular education or for the family's enjoyment (later) or to be enabled to play the current popular music can get greater good from taking lessons in classes than from taking private lessons.

Instead of taking a rest during last summer's school vacation, this teacher continued her music lessons throughout the summer, keeping fifteen pupils to experiment with in class groups. At the end of the summer she had definitely made up her

mind that she might better keep all her students in classes, and she began the fall term with a good run of advertising and announcements of the new class lessons, for which she cut her regular lesson price in half. She later decided this was too much to cut and that she could have got as many pupils at a slightly higher rate, probably at about two-thirds of the private lesson price. She was centered in a farming community and took on the whole county, establishing studios in three towns by renting in each town for one day a week a sitting room with piano. Maintenance of this schedule was relatively high in cost, there being advertising, studio rent (a dollar weekly for each room) and upkeep and gasoline for a car on the road at least three days a week.

However, the system brought in more money and provided her with larger classes for recitals, class meetings, and so forth, and the teacher found that the classes were satisfactory, pleasant and highly desirable for ordinary pupils.

Fun in the Group

SHE TOOK pupils in groups of ten at first and later cut down the class membership in each group to six. She graded all pupils and gave them certificates at the end of the teaching term if the pupils had completed a standard graded course of instruction which she used. She found that the pupils progressed together with admirable uniformity and that in most cases

they actually received more for their money than they had been getting in private lessons. For instance: a most music students regard scales as unavoidable pains which the teacher inflicts upon them for no good reason, and their scale work in private lessons is to a great extent simply a dry ten minutes to be got over with as best they can.

In classes the pupils have individual keyboards and take their scales all together, naming the fingering aloud and vying with each other for greater correctness. This teacher had built ten small keyboards and spent some time and money in experimenting. She secured the use of an electric circular saw at her local printer's and cut out wooden keys the actual size and shape of the piano keyboard. She contrived a spring action on them, and the pupils were more than delighted with their little keyboards, the younger ones even choosing the soundless keyboards in preference to the piano at first in class demonstrations. It is quite essential to provide some sort of individual keyboards for class lessons.

In this case the teacher's classes grew from twenty to more than a hundred. With six in a class she held forty-five minute periods which averaged about three dollars an hour for the teacher, a high rate in the country. The class system also involved a strict bookkeeping account, as some of the pupils pay by the month, some by the week, and some not until a notice is sent them. It is necessary to

charge the pupils for missed lessons, in the class system, for an absent pupil necessitates either holding the rest in that class back until he catches up or else giving that pupil individual attention to the extent of a private lesson. It was found that after this was understood by the pupils' parents, there was no difficulty in collecting the money for missed lessons, and that, after a pupil had paid once for a missed lesson, he seldom, if ever, missed again.

Need for an Assistant

IN THE case of a small community it has been found that class lessons are a boon to people who cannot afford more expensive musical instruction for their children; but, except the teacher is very strong and healthy indeed, the work is more than one person can handle for an appreciable period. After six months of taking the classes alone, the teacher in question took on an assistant; and a hundred pupils at class lesson rates is almost too much work for the returns if they are divided. Class lessons in a large place, where a director can have several assistants and hundreds of pupils, would be almost certain to work out to great advantage. In the smaller places they are highly desirable from every standpoint except financially for the teacher, unless she can take over a hundred students alone.

Class lessons are desirable because, for one reason, they give the students much

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JAMES FRANCIS COOKE

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Arr. by John W. Schaum

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

Grade 2 1/2. *Marziale* M.M. ♩ = 160

34 WHEN THE LIGHTS ARE LOW
REVERIE

This request "repeat" in the Etude has not appeared for nearly thirty years. Its sales range high in the thousands, and it will be welcomed by vast numbers who are not acquainted with it. Grade 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Andante comodo con espress. M.M. $\bullet = 76$

[illegible]

THE ETUDE

THE ETUDE

cresc.

f

p

f

p

poco rit.

D. S. 8

SWAYING DAFFODILS

A. R. OVERLADE

Valse legere M.M. $\text{♩} = 60$

Valse legere M. M. d. = 60

mp *cresc.* *l. h.* *mf a tempo*

10 15 20 25 30

simile *giocoso* *rubato* *a tempo*

THE ETUDE

35 *rall.* *a tempo*

40

45

50 *rall.* *Fino*

simila
meno mosso

55 *mf*

60

65 *rit.* *a tempo*

70

75 *mf*

80 *f*

85 *rall.* *a tempo* *D. S. 8*

THE ETUDE

A JOLLY JIG

LOUISE CHRISTINE REBE

Grade 3.

Gaily M. M. ♩ = 132

p

mf

10

a tempo

rit. 15 *f*

20

p 25

30

35

p

40

mf

45

50

ff

A JUNE ROSE
REVERIE

Born melodist that he is, Mr. Cadman presents one of his loveliest tunes in this very playable and "lilting" piece suggesting stately Jacqueminot roses swaying in the wind.

Allegro moderato e tranquillo M.M. ♩. = 72

CHARLES WAKEFIELD CADMAN, Op.25

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ALEXANDER MAC FADYEN, Op.18, No.4

Grade 5. Tempo di Minuet M.M. ♩ = 96

ALEXANDER MACFARLANE

Grade 5. Tempo di Minuet M.M. ♩ = 96

ALEXANDER MACFARLANE

WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS

Here surely is a ballet of violets, tulips, hyacinths, lilacs or any of the lovely sprites of the garden that the imagination suggests. Imagination—that is the word. Unless this delightful Tchaikowsky piece is played with imagination, it is worthless. First, however, learn to play it very slowly with great exactness.

Tempo di Valse M.M. ♩ = 168

Grade 4.

P. I. TCHAIKOWSKY
Arr. by William M. Felton

mf
5
a tempo
p
cantando
20
30
40
45
50
55
60
65
70

Last time to Coda
75
80
85
90
95
100
105
110
115
120
125
130
135
Coda
f
acc. e cres.
ff
poco rall.
D.S.

MORNING SONG

Although Mendelssohn wrote successfully in musical forms ranging from the beginner's piece to the symphony, he was unsurpassed in the much imitated "Song Without Words" type of composition which he created.
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F. MENDELSSOHN, Op. 62, No. 4

Grade 4. *Allegro con anima*
M.M. ♩ = 100

Mit vieler Innigkeit vorzutragen
(with deep feeling)

THEKLA HOLLINGSWORTH*

LADY MOON

CLARA EDWARDS

Allegretto

La - dy swing - in' in de sky,

Does yo' hear dis dar-key sigh? Does yo' hear an' won-der why, La - dy Moon?

Won-der why Ise sad ob min', Lone-some - like an' sort ob pine, Al - lus when I see yo' shine,

La - dy Moon. Reck-on I mus' tell yo' dis, It's kase Ise long-in' fo' a kiss

From two lips dat I so miss, La - dy Moon! La - dy Moon!

TYRONE KING

LORD, MAY THY KINGDOM COME

CECIL ELLIS

Moderato

Lord, may Thy King - dom come on earth to - day, Thy Grace be with us,
Thy Love, we pray. Here as in Heav - en, Thy Will be done,
Thy Will, Thy Love, know we for one.
May we a - bide with Thee through all our days, Bear - ing Thy Stand - ard,

mf

sing - ing Thy Praise. May all Thy chil - dren joy - ous - ly sing:
"Lord God of Love, Thou art our King,"

BO-PEEP

NOVELETTE

GUIDO PAPINI, Op. 101, No. 1

Moderato cantabile M.M. $\text{♩} = 84$

VIOLIN
PIANO

a poco cresc.

20

cresc.

25

mf *cresc.*

30

f *mf* *mp*

35

40

15

p dolce.

50

THE ETUDE

Sw. Salicional, St. Diap., & Oboe 8' Trem.
 Ch. Flute 8'
 Ch. Dulciana (or Soft 8')
 Ped. Soft 16' to Choir

LEGEND

CHESTER NORDMAN

Andante con moto

Manuals

Pedal

add to Sw.

poco rall.

a tempo

cresc.

15

Fine *Poco piu mosso* *Gt.* *Sw.*

20

rall. *mf*

*D. S. S**

25

rall. *espress.*

TRIO *Poco meno mosso*

30

Sw. Celeste & St. Diap. Oboe off *Gt.*

St. Diap. off *Add Bourdon 16* *Sw.* *Gt.* *cresc.* *Sw.* *Gt.* *poco accel.* *a tempo* *16' off* *Lento* *add 4' Flute* *D. S. al Fine*

35

espress. *Gt.* *Sw.* *Gt.* *Sw.* *Gt.* *molto rit.*

CLOG DANCE
A SOUTHERN HOEDOWN
SECONDO

N. LOUISE WRIGHT

Allegro M. M. ♩ = 144

[illegible]

TRIO

TRIO

40 45

50

rit. *p* *ff a tempo*

55

D.C.

CLOG DANCE

A SOUTHERN HOEDOWN

N. LOUISE WRIGHT

Allegro M.M. ♩ = 144

PRIMO

[illegible]

LOVE'S RESPONSE

BERT R. ANTHONY, Op. 286

Arr. by R. O. Suter

Andante moderato M.M. ♩ = 84 TONE POEM .

1st Violin

Piano

Cello

mf

espress.

pizz.

arco

mf

1 2 D.C.

D.C.

The image shows the first system of a musical score for 'The Swan' from 'The Nutcracker'. It includes staves for 1st Violin, Piano, Cello, and Double Bass. The score is in 3/4 time and features various musical notations such as dynamics (p, mf, f, ppp), articulation (pizz., arco), and performance instructions (rit., a tempo, rall., dim.). The system concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

LOVE'S RESPONSE

BERT R. ANTHONY, Op. 286

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Andante moderato a tempo BERT R. ANTHONY, Op. 286

p rit. a tempo rit. a tempo fine

p a tempo f mf p rald

LOVE'S RESPONSE

BERT R. ANTHONY, Op. 286

Andante moderato

p rit. *a tempo* *rit.* *dim.* *rit.* *rall.* *Fine*

p a tempo *mf* *f* *v rall.* *D.C.*

LOVE'S RESPONSE

BERT R. ANTHONY, Op. 286

Andante moderato

LOVE'S RESPONSE

HERT R. ANTHONY, Op. 28

rit *p* a tempo rit a tempo *p* rit rall. Fine

p a tempo rit dim. rall.

mf *espress.* *mf* rall. *f* 1 a tempo 2 D.C.

LOVE'S RESPONSE

BERT R. ANTHONY, Op. 286

Andante moderato

LOVES RESPONSE

rit. *p* a tempo

a tempo

rit. a tempo

rit. dim.

a tempo

mf *espress.*

f

p *rit.*

mf *rit.* *D.C.*

Fine

ONLY A YEARNING HEART

Arr. by William Hodson

P. I. TSCHAIKOWSKY

Grade 2½. Andante moderato M.M. ♩ = 92

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COUNTING THE SHEEP

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THE VIOLINIST'S ETUDE

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It is the ambition of THE ETUDE to make this Violin Department "A Violinist's Etude" complete in itself

On Form and Teaching

By PAUL BOHNING

AN OLD saying and a true one—"As the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

Form in violin playing is a factor of paramount importance. It occupies this prominent place because of the necessary, albeit unnatural and difficult, position the body and its members must take to achieve the result desired. This statement may be protested by some who, through many hours of unremitting toil, have made this unnatural form second nature. To such is recommended a half hour spent in teaching the correct position to an untutored beginner.

The artist or the expert performer is interested in his advance along the road to artistry or virtuosity and concerns himself little with scenes that lie behind. This explains why, so frequently, such a one is neither a desirable nor a good teacher, particularly for the beginner. Give him an artist pupil and the story may be different.

The Charred Way

THE TRUE teacher adopts a viewpoint and sets a goal different from that of the artist or the virtuoso. He retains a clear memory of each step that led to the apex of his own career, and, in his mental notebook, consciously or unconsciously, he carries inscribed a clear outline of the difficulties that he battled and the plan by which he conquered. Moreover, through a sheer intuitive power which so invariably makes the great teacher, he is empowered to indicate the best way over paths which

he himself has never trod. He shows a more analytical temperament than the artist, but he is not less inspirational. He recalls his own first meeting with a teacher, and, with matured judgment, reflects upon whether or not that initial experience proved good. In the light of experience he realizes that a teacher may justly be praised or censured upon the basis of what he teaches or does not teach in the first few lessons.

The number of those who profess to teach the violin is legion. The number of those who really teach the violin is infinitely small. The deplorable condition, violinistically speaking, in which youngsters present themselves to teachers in conservatories, after years of so-called training, is a matter of common comment. In this connection the pitiable circumstance lies in the corollary that so much fine talent is ruined by incompetent teachers in the golden period of youth.

First Directions

TWELVE lessons under a competent and sincere teacher are of incalculable value to a beginner, and will enable him, if he has the urge and ambition, to carry on rightly for an appreciable period. One lesson under an incompetent teacher, no matter how good may be his intentions, can be ruinous, and the damage resulting may take years to undo or may never be undone. What, then, if the pupil place himself a long time under such an incompetent?

Luck need not be trusted in this day in the selection of a competent teacher. The automobile has placed at least one such within reach of practically everyone. Far cheaper to make a long drive for instruction of worth than to intrust budding talent to incompetent instruction near at hand. All other things being equal, a teacher of mature years is to be preferred, for the teacher of thirty years should, by natural circumstances, have better judgment and be better fitted to practice his profession than the one of twenty. Observation, theories tested in the crucible of time, first-hand knowledge of the possibilities and the limitations of the flesh, tolerance and flexibility—all these come not in a day, and they all help a teacher to find himself. The younger, carrying his head in the clouds, reaches for the stars; and the older envies him his glory. A teacher, however, who must deal with all trends and types of humanity should recognize and be ever aware of his earthly footing. He should know that the greater part of life must be lived, not among the stars, but beneath them. The best teachers have learned to teach by teaching, and, usually, they look back upon their early years with humility and wonder that they had the courage to offer a service for which they were so ill-fitted.

This opinion will not discourage the young man, for he knows that he differs from all who have gone before. He will attack his dragon secure in the belief that his sword will conquer. So this should be!

Sizes

By ROBERT BRAINE

AN INQUIRY comes to this department as follows: "What size violin should a boy nine years old have to begin with?"—J. D.

Well, J. D., I am sorry to say I cannot tell you without seeing the boy. If you wrote to a shoe store to ask what size a nine year old boy should have, I am sure that the proprietor would invite you to his store so that the boy could be properly fitted. In the same way I would advise you to take your boy to a really good, experienced violin teacher who would have him try different sizes of violins until one of just the right size was found. Better have a violin teacher decide on the size, and not a music store clerk, for very few clerks have expert knowledge of violin teaching and violin playing. The teacher knows from long experience with pupils of all ages just what size is required.

Economy! What crimes are committed in thy name! I have seen young children who should have been using half or three-quarter sized violins, trying to play on full-sized instruments so heavy that they could

hardly hold them. And this only so that "Johnny won't have to buy two violins." The body of the violin and the fingerboard have been so long, in fact, that the little player's left arm was as straight as a poker and his little fingers utterly unable to stretch the proper intervals. Then we have the pupils who have begun on small violins and, who, as they have grown and become ready for larger ones, have kept on with the small ones because, from motives of false economy or some other reason, their parents have neglected to provide them with the proper sizes.

A Case of Too Much Finger

BIG, GANGLING boys or girls approaching the six foot stage make most grotesque figures trying to play on half-sized fiddles; for, try as they will, they cannot get arms and fingers to assume the right position. They are pretty sure to play the notes too sharp, because, from the large size and stretching capacity of the fingers, they finger the notes too far

up on the fingerboard. A tall, long-fingered pupil, trying to use a half-sized fiddle, is an object of ridicule to his fellow pupils in the violin class and in the orchestra, if he plays in one. I have known many a promising young pupil to give up the violin altogether, because his parents refused to buy him out with the right size of instrument. Economy is found to take queer slants with some people. No matter what size "violin is a violin," no parent's aches and, having bought one violin, they do not feel like buying others as the child grows. This is the greatest possible mistake, since no pupil can make really good progress and play in good tune unless he has an instrument of approximately the right size.

Small music stores sometimes fail to carry all sizes of violins and bows, but proper sizes can always be obtained for the customer from the wholesale music houses in the large cities. The three principal sizes are the one-half, three-fourths and full size, but, for exceptional pupils, one-eighth, one-fourth and seven-eighths size violins can be obtained.

Visioning Future Virtuosity

TO RETURN to the starting point: The good teacher of the violin sees in the very first lesson the highest point of virtuosity. Every detail that he imparts upon the mind and body of the pupil aims not at the present but at the ultimate. Just as the coach of athletics impresses upon his acolytes the importance of form in the establishment of superior records, so the successful violin teacher stresses and demonstrates.

It is said that an orchestral conductor once asserted that upon the basis of viewing a violinist's performance at a distance through a telescope, he would feel safe in engaging or refusing that individual's services for his organization. A deliberate exaggeration to impress the importance of form and, as such, not to be taken lightly by any thinking teacher.

To the end that his pupils may attain as nearly perfect form as possible, the earnest teacher will sweat and suffer. Often condemned as a crank and a martinet by those to whom sheer flash and brilliance are gods to be worshipped, he will still hold to the road that leads to sure artistry. Deserted and criticized by persons who have neither the will nor the courage to carry through to violinistic success, his sincerity of purpose will find full reward in the achievement of those of his *proles* who have made of finer metal, come through the fire purified and whole.

Toy Trinkets Only

PARENTS of very small children often buy toy violins for them, especially for Christmas gifts, and sometimes attempt to have the children learn on them. This is a great mistake, as these toy violins are really only toys and not practical musical instruments. Music stores sometimes have a tiny violin (one-sixteenth size) made for them by a good violin maker, to exhibit in their show window by way of advertisement. These tiny fiddles are practical instruments, carefully modeled after a well-made violin. A Chicago wholesale house offers violins of that description as "Miniature Violin Outfits," described as follows: "Violin about nine and one half inches long, made exactly like a high grade violin, correct in all proportions, fully equipped with neat trimmings and strings. In fall flannel-lined imitation leather-covered case about twelve inches overall, something unique for show-cases."

It would require a very tiny child to finger a violin of such a size, and few children commence their violin careers so

early. Still, a very few commence in babyhood. The famous Russian violinist, Mischa Elman, who has been heard all over America, got his first violin when he was three years old and soon learned to play little tunes on it.

It is equally important that the bow be the right size. If the bow be too short, the child cannot extend his right arm to its full length and the bow stroke is too short. Conversely, if the bow be too long, the pupil will keep on drawing it to the point, drawing his elbow back and making it impossible to keep the bow at right angles to the string. This drawing the bow back, resulting from trying to use too long a bow, gives many a pupil a "crooked" bowing, a fault which sometimes clings to him through life. The bow must be of such a length that, after drawing it to the point, the hair must still be at right angles to the string.

Variation in Bows

BOWS USUALLY come in three sizes, one-half, three-fourths and full size. If, in exceptional cases, longer or shorter bows are required, they can be made to order by any good bow maker. Ole Bull, the famous Norwegian violinist, found it necessary to have his bows made somewhat longer than full length, as he was a very large, powerful man, over six feet in height, and with very long arms. If he tried to use an ordinary full-size bow, he could not extend his bow arm to its full length. His extra-length bow enabled him to achieve some extraordinary effects in tone and technique.

Only a few of the great masters of violin making made half or three-quarters sized violins. Jacobus Stainer, the famous German maker, made one of three-quarters size, the scroll being carved in the form of a lion's head. This violin was given to the Duke of Edinburgh, by his mother, Queen Victoria, Queen of England, and was the instrument on which he learned to play as a boy. The back is of one piece of flamed maple; the top spruce of fine grain. The varnish is a brownish yellow color. The tone is of exquisite quality and very large for so small a violin. This violin is offered for sale by an American dealer for \$1,200. The same dealer offers old French and German half and three-quarters size violins at prices ranging from \$65 to \$125.

Another dealer offers from his collection

a Joannes Gagliano (Naples), seven-eighths size, at \$80, and a Joseph Gagliano (Naples), made in 1810, three-quarters size, at \$1,200. Other half and three-quarter size violins are priced from \$80 up. One interesting violin in this collection is an "Old Mittelwald," thirty-second size. This is described as a beautiful miniature, built on the lines of Stradivarius. The back is of one piece of maple, with sides to match. The top is spruce of medium grain. The varnish is orange red. This is priced at \$75.

Sized According to Age

ONE AMERICAN dealer tries to specify the correct size of violins according to the ages of the pupils. He says, "A child of five or six should have a quarter size, one of eight to nine years, a half size, one of ten or twelve, depending on his or her size, a three-quarter size. At the age of fourteen the average child requires a full size violin." The foregoing estimates may prove correct in many cases, but children of the same age vary so much in size—length of arms and fingers—that it is not wise to have them try violins of different size so that exactly the right one may be selected.

Seven-eighths size violins are quite common. They are often called "half-size" because they are well fitted for women players, since the average woman is somewhat smaller than the average man. Small-sized violins, mostly made in Germany and France by cheap labor, can be obtained in the music stores at all kinds of prices. It is not wise to buy one of these small violins of a too cheap quality, as a violin of coarse, rasping tone is injurious to the young pupil. Many people reason "the cheaper the better," in buying one of these small violins for a child, because they know that larger sized violins must be bought as the child grows. This reasoning might be sound if the little violin had to be thrown away after it became outgrown. However, this is not necessary.

Practically all violin dealers to buy one of these small violins back in part payment for a larger size when it becomes necessary.

It is quite as important for the pupil to have the correct size of violin and bow for his practice as it is for any one who wears eye-glasses and spectacles to have correct lenses.

Masterly Bowing

By CHARLES FINGERMAN

IN WIELDING the bow in a masterly manner lies one of the secrets of good violin playing. The left-hand fingers may form, place and conceive the tone, but the bowing hand gives to that tone life, volume and realization.

A winged bowing should be striven for, and this cannot be accomplished without a strong wrist. Some violinists tighten their hold on the nut. This may be permissible in carrying out a bow, but it does not aid bowing. In fact, it produces a clumsy and stilted stroke. From a wrist, firm but flexible, should come all the force and strength needed in bowing. The palm should be bent inwardly from this member and should undulate from side to side. This exercise thickens and strengthens the wrist and at

the same time promotes an even and suave (but powerful) flow of the bow.

In aiming for a gradual and artistic shading and swelling of the tone, the strength coming from the wrist should be so utilized that the volume (crescendo and diminuendo) of the tone should be slowly but surely graduated. One notes that an artist like Heifetz, through his masterly bowing, is able to build up the size of his tone mathematically, from the thinness of a hair to the booming depth, breadth and volume of thunder. And this he is able to do so well that no man living can designate the exact moment at which he increases the pressure of his wrist by the weight of a feather.

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There is only one line between the treble and bass staves; therefore after playing the note one ledger-line above the bass staff you enter the treble; and after playing the note one ledger-line below the treble you enter the bass staff. The clef-line is the second from the top of the bass and bottom of the treble. Therefore, mentally, omit the first ledger-line and place a shadow-clef on the second of the remaining ledger-lines.



Then the identity of these lines with the clef from which they are borrowed will become quite clear and the reading of distant ledger-lines quite easy.

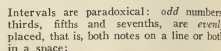
As there are seven notes in the scale, and five lines in the staff, after two ledger-lines every staff repeats itself as regards alphabetical names of the notes:



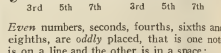
This principle works equally below the treble and above the bass, but this makes one clef overlap the other: the system is much more useful as given in Ex. 2.

(It would not do to repeat the clef on the higher or lower staff, as a clef represents only a single note, not other octaves of the same note.)

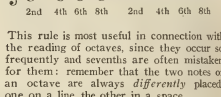
The middle line of any staff and the second space above and second space below the same staff represent the same note alphabetically:



Intervals are paradoxical: odd numbers, thirds, fifths and sevenths, are evenly placed, that is, both notes on a line or both in a space:



Even numbers, seconds, fourths, fifths and eighths, are oddly placed, that is one note is on a line and the other is in a space:



This rule is most useful in connection with the reading of octaves, since they occur so frequently and sevenths are often mistaken for them: remember that the two notes of an octave are always differently placed, one on a line, the other in a space.

Musical Scramble

By HELEN E. SANDERSON

SELECT a well known, rather short and not too complicated air—it may be one appropriate to the occasion—and make a copy for each two players, using the melody notes only, or, if desired, the other parts also. It is quicker to make all the copies of each note as you progress rather than to make one complete copy of the music at a time. Be careful to put in all rests, bars, staff signatures and so forth. Then cut the music up into bits with one

of the characters on each piece of paper. The game is to see which pair of contestants can put the scrambled music together most quickly with the proper number of melody notes only, or, if desired, the other parts also. Of course players must have a complete copy of the air selected before they do their work. A heavy line drawn to indicate the top of bottom of the staff makes the work less confusing. This is educational for younger music students.

Passing Notes

By FLORENCE LEONARD

EARLY Moderns: Burney says that Galuppi was the first composer to use B flat as a passing note against D natural, and the next to Porpora, the first to use the sharp fifth in melody—an early glimpse of Debussy's augmented triad.—Bloom.

Was it accidental?—Louis Boulmer, eccentric Thuringian musician, wrote a piano concerto in D major, which contains four

measures identical with the first four measures of Agathe's grand scene from "Der Freischütz," as well as other passages which have an echo in this opera. The publisher, realizing that it will long be a treasured volume in the libraries of musical folk, have spared no expense in making the book's physical appearance so attractive. Many of our readers are familiar with the author's inimitable and fascinating style of describing violin technique and shrines and will want a copy of this book as a permanent reference, to which they will frequently turn for instruction and enlightenment. The advance of publication price is so low in comparison to the price that necessarily must be given for a book when it is published that the immediate placing of your order at \$1.50 a copy, postpaid, will enable you to get a considerable saving.

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The Publisher's Monthly Letter

A Bulletin of Interest for All Music Lovers



Advance of Publication Offers—June 1934

All of the forthcoming Publications in the Older List Below are Fully Described in the Paragraph Following. These Works are in the Course of Preparation. The Low Advance of Prices Apply to Orders Placed Now, with Delivery to be Made When Finished.

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BRIEF OF SONG... 3c
EASY QUARTETTS FOR YOUNG VIOLINISTS... 75c
—PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT... 25c
THE MELTING POT—PIANO COLLECTION... 35c
MUSICAL TRAVELLOGUES—COOKE... 4.50
THE STRUCTURE OF MUSIC—GUTHRIE... \$1.50
VOICES OF PRÆLUD—ANTHEM COLLECTION... 20c

THE COVER FOR THIS MONTH

The beautiful music created by Franz Schubert carries merrily to hold him as their most beloved. His phenomenal musical gifts were apparent very early and before he was five his father started training him in music. Even as a child Mozart's compositions were amazing gems and by the time he was seven his works included an opera, a mass, a trumpet concerto and an oratorium.

Despite his prodigious writings, Mozart died in poverty because he gave little heed to conserving his means. Although not dissolute, he had a joy-loving disposition and likewise his wife, whom he married in 1783, was somewhat impractical and imprudent.

Mozart was born at Salzburg, January 27, 1756. He died in Vienna, December 5, 1791. Those who would like to know more of the details of the life of this composer, who left the tremendous legacy through his music to the world despite his death at thirty-five, will find the short biography of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart by James Francis Cooke in *The Etude Musical Booklet Library* worth purchasing at its nominal price of 10 cents. For children we would suggest Thomas Tappan's *Child's Own Book of Great Musicians* (with cut-out pictures), price 30 cents.

MUSICAL TRAVELLOGUES

By JAMES FRANCIS COOKE

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● For years we have been hearing people, who should know better, make the very stupid statement that we are all coming to a day when music will be so mechanized by the radio and the talking machine that music study will become a thing of the past. Piffle—pure piffle!

This thought has been the "Big Bad Wolf" of musicdom ever since Beethoven wrote his *Mural Symphony* the "Battle of Vittoria" for Maelzel's mechanical band and orchestra contraption, known as the Panharmonicon. The radio and the talking machine, as we have insisted for years, are great blessings for the art, when these devices are properly employed with good music.

Music teachers, who have had a dearth of pupils, have been suffering from the unforgivable depression, along with the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker, rather than the mechanical "wolf."

The best indication, with the return of prosperity, that the musical "Big Bad Wolf" is running for the woods, is the fact that many of the piano factories of the country are reporting an astounding return of business—some running full capacity, way behind in filling orders and searching eagerly for more expert employees. This amazing come-back in piano sales points to inevitably increased business for music teachers everywhere.



BURST OF SONG

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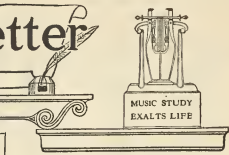
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ADVANCE OF PUBLICATION OFFERS WITHDRAWN

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JUNIOR ETUDE

(Continued)



Alice In Meterland

By ALICE McENERY McCULLEN

"Tick, tick, tick, tick," sang the metronome.
"Thumpety, thump," went Alice's uncertain fingers, all out of rhythm.
"What is the matter with my scales, anyway?" muttered Alice to herself. Hearing this, the metronome could stand it no longer. "You wonder what is the matter, do you? Well, you have no rhythm. Pay attention to my beat and all will be well. Do you not know that rhythm is the heart-beat of music, and do I not mark the beats for you? Pay attention!"

"Oh," began Alice, rather apologetically, "Well, you see, I never really knew just what you did or what you were for."
"Well, now you know I'm the time-keeper," exclaimed the metronome. "And let me tell you, it is a big job, and it could be so easy! You have to have a heart-beat, and so does your music, you know."

"I suppose it does," said Alice.
"I'm called a metronome. My name is Greek and it means 'the rule of time.' A German invented me. You ought to read about me in a book."

"Oh, please tell me yourself," begged Alice.

"It's this way," began the metronome. "Several centuries ago the speed of a composition was set by the pulse of the player, but a man named Quantz, if you care for names, found that pulses of different types of people beat at different speeds. A sad person, for instance, had a slower pulse than a merry one; so he established a standard pulse of eighty beats to the minute. Then

someone invented a swinging pendulum made of a bullet on a string, and all during the seventeenth century people tried to improve this as a more very satisfactory. Bieethoven is said to have been quite interested in the goings-on."



"Indeed," said Alice with her eye-brows.
"Finally," continued the metronome, a man named Maizel perfected an idea he got from a Dutch mechanic. That was the historic year, 1816, when my ancestors filled a great factory in Paris. Oh yes, my family is very aristocratic. We have served most of the great musicians—Bethoven, Chopin, Liszt, and others. We have set the pace for the musicians. They respect us and we consult us. If great musicians can learn something from listening to a metronome, couldn't you?"

"Of course," agreed Alice.
"Tick, tick, tick, tick," sang the metronome in a cheery tone.
"Thumpety, thump," went Alice's finger in good rhythm.

Scrambled Letter Puzzle

By JANICE HARVEY (AGE 12)

Rearrange the letters in the following words and make the names of twelve composers.

- Tisracael
- Vetuechoh
- Kyrdoe
- Yeehdas
- Rhmasch
- Gnawre
- Baketur
- Iurecnoa
- Uisopin
- Simeane
- Iswalonde

Answers to Ask Another

1. Handel
2. Wagner
3. Debussy
4. Beethoven
5. Brahms
6. Verdi
7. Tchaikovsky

DEAR JUNIOR ETUDE:

This is a picture of our Rhythm Band. There are twenty-one members. I play a cymbal. We took part in a program in music week, and we wore white blouses, blue caps and sashes.

From your friend,

Cecil J. HENRE (AGE 7),
Texas.

DEAR JUNIOR ETUDE:
I play the violin and piano, and I have a sister who sings and gives concertos all over Florida. When she visits me we present together. I have written two pieces and I have played over the radio twice.
From your friend,
HALAMAS THOMAS (AGE 15), Florida.

DEAR JUNIOR ETUDE:
At 14 I had much interest in music and music clubs. I decided to write and tell you about our Music Club. At our meetings we have ear-training, solo-work, pop-tests and rehearsals for recital work. Once a month we have a program, at which each member makes a report on assigned composer and contributes a piece from memory. About a year we give a radio program over WOLN. I have played over the radio twice. At Christmas and Easter we give special programs and invite our parents and serve refreshments. I have been president of this club for two years.
From your friend,
CAROLYN COWDEN (AGE 11), Alabama.

N.B. As Carolyn uses an unusual word—"recitals," in this letter, the invitation which is not quite clear, we would be glad to have her write again sometime and explain just what they are.



Junior Etude Contest

The Junior Etude will award three prize prizes each month for the best and neatest, original essays or stories and answers to puzzles.
The subject for the essay or story this month is "Concerts on the Radio." Must contain not over one hundred and fifty words. Any boy or girl under the age of fifteen years, whether a subscriber or not, may enter the contest.
All contributions must bear the name and age of the sender in the upper left-hand corner, and the address in the upper

right-hand corner of the paper, and must be received at the Junior Etude Office, 1712 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, before the fifteenth of June. The names of the prize winners and their contributions will be published in the November issue.
Do not use typewriters and do not have any one copy your work for you.
Competitors who do not comply with all of the foregoing conditions will not be considered.

Myself and My Music

(PRIZE WINNER)

I began writing because I wanted to learn to play, and I have learned that a boy, in making himself a musician, is not making himself a chess, and that music is not a thing for girls only. A big composer like Mozart was a very young man and I would like to be like him. There was nothing about him. And yet, when I started lessons, I was asked to learn about that.
Now I will play on my violin for hours if I can get some one to play my accompaniment. My music is a great big part of me. I am not one part. It is not a part of my mind has meant a lot to me. It is history, art and education, and it has a lot of other things to be. And it is fun and beautiful.

From your friend,
RICHARD NELSON CHASE (AGE 13),
Virginia.

Myself and My Music

(PRIZE WINNER)

My music and I are very great friends. I could not get along without it. When I am sad, it cheers me up. When I am happy, it makes me happier still to think that I can create such a beautiful melodious sound just by touching the keys. How interesting the world would be, and what little good I would get out of it, if it were not for my friend, music. It makes me glad that I am alive here on earth to enjoy it. My greatest comfort—the piano.
My best friend—
BARBARA FLOREZANCZY (AGE 14),
West Virginia.

HONORABLE MENTION FOR MARCH

ESSAYS:
From the large number of essays received, the thirty next best were from Donald Kille, Linda Lowell Schreier, Pearl Rose Miles, Donna Brock, Bonnie Jean Noel, Jack Goldsworthy, John Belchman, Billy Eklund, Rose George, Helen Schmitz, Evelyn Vopasek, Vera Weber, Mildred Mauchlin, Irving Rowland, George Denison, Betty Ruth Miller, Mary Elizabeth Cowgill, John Watson, Marie Hunter, Flor Haywood, Mary Louise, Bernice Reiter, Juanita Koehner, Lucille Lynch, Bobby Sander, Betty Bethell.

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Answers to March Puzzle
(Other names can be substituted on some of these answers and still be correct.)

- P-iccolo
- A-cordion
- D-rum
- E-english Horn
- E-schmannoff
- E-tude
- W-agner
- S-chumann
- E-riedler
- I-aly

PRIZE WINNER FOR MARCH PUZZLE:

MARGARET WATERS (AGE 15), Connecticut.
LAURENCE RALPH (AGE 14), Illinois.
VERA WATERS (AGE 15), Wisconsin.

SPECIAL HONORABLE MENTION FOR MARCH PUZZLE:

Bruce Berquist, Lillian Marie Hyatt.

HONORABLE MENTION FOR MARCH PUZZLE:

The thirty next best answers, all of which were correct, were received from Mildred Mauchlin, Katherine Wolf, Margaret Barlow, Doris Winkler, Elaine Bell, Stanton Jones, Virginia Boston, Raymond Grosjean, Jane Goldman, Helen Marie Myers, Jane Anna De la, Gladys Schwartz, Julia Elizabeth Cantor, Ralph Pedman, John Grant, Joseph Leach, Mitchell, Arlene E. Young, Shirley Lator, Mary, Barbara Fitzgerald, Alice Nelson, Anna Mae Roper, Harriet Simmons, Sydney Korfman, Margaret Mitchell, Elise Sault, Tell, Barbara Rhodes, Lillian Osterman, Francis Cooper, Adele Schumier, Mary Louise Montrose.

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